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Grade 3

2015 Released Test Questions

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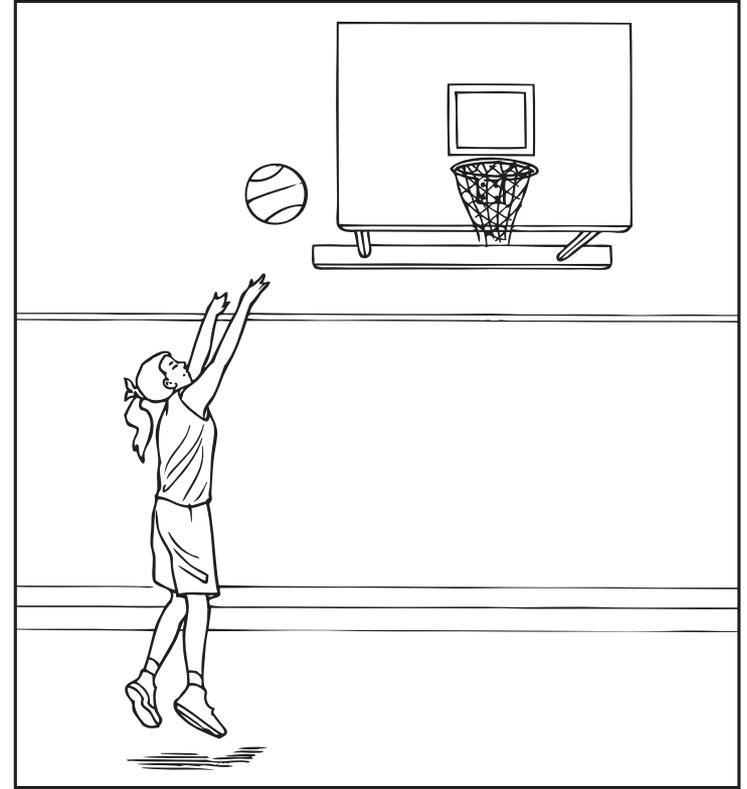
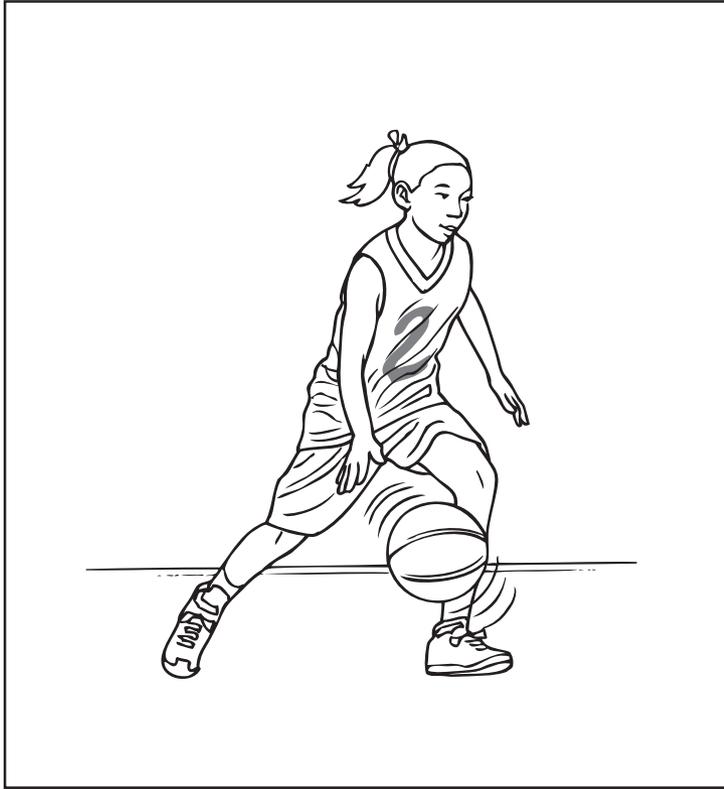


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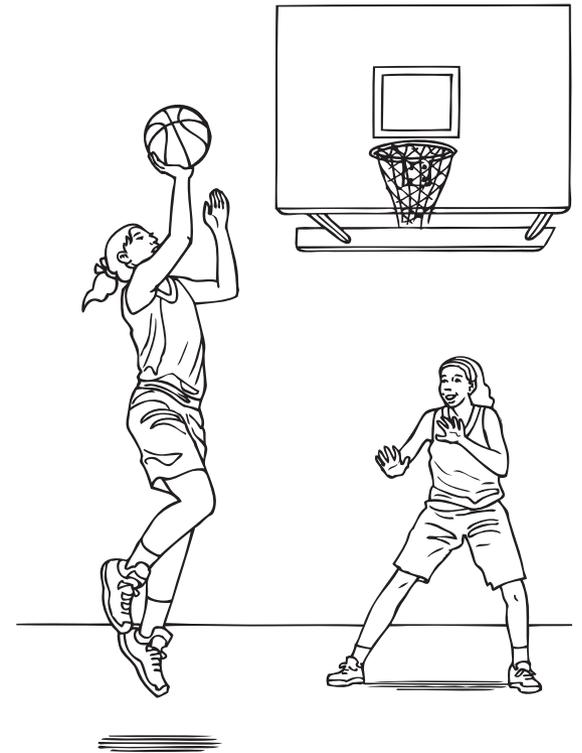
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The day of the game, Ava's team needed one point to win. There was not much time left in the game.

Ava had the ball. She dribbled the ball down the court. Her teammate Tasha was under the basket. "Over here!" Tasha shouted.

"I can do it!" Ava thought. She shot the ball, but the ball missed the basket and fell to the floor as the buzzer sounded. The game was over. Ava's team lost.



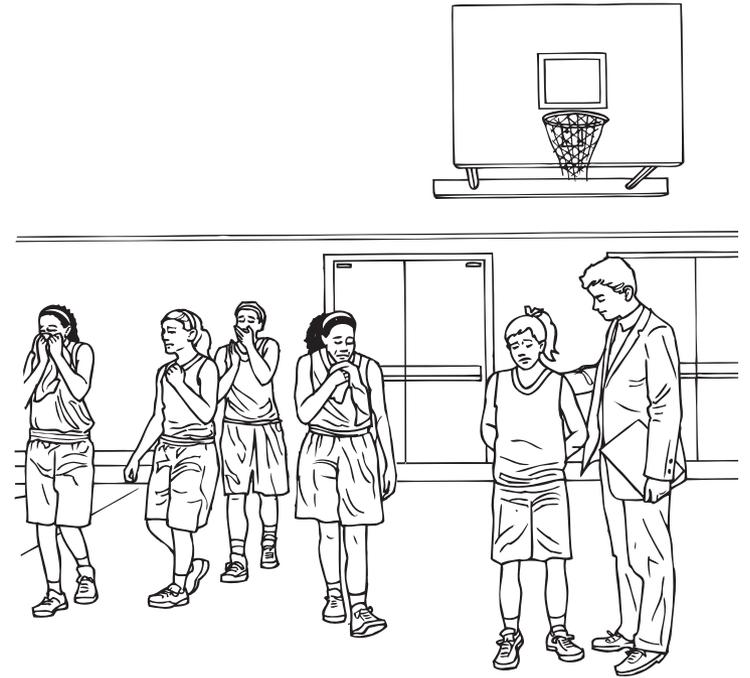
Ava saw that her teammate was under the basket.

Ava had practiced shooting the basketball every day.

Ava knew that there was not much time left in the game.

When the game was over, Ava felt her teammates stare at her as they walked into the locker room. The coach said, "Ava, why didn't you pass the ball?"

Ava answered, "I wanted to win the game for the team."



"You mean you wanted to win the game for yourself," said the coach. "If you want the team to win, you need to play as part of the team. Every player needs a chance to play."

Ava looked at her teammates. "I learned a lesson. It's better to win as a team than to lose all by yourself."

Ava is sorry that she lost the game for the team.

Ava is determined to practice shooting more baskets.

Ava is happy to be the best player on the team.