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**Read the passage. Use the make predictions strategy to tell what you think you might read about.**

## Sports Rules

Rules are important in sports. Rules tell players how  
09 to play a game. They tell how to score points. They tell  
21 how a game is won. They also tell players what they  
32 can and cannot do. All players in a game must agree to  
44 the same rules. Sometimes a player breaks a rule. Then  
54 he or she may not be allowed to play for all or part of  
68 the game.

### 70 **Basketball Rules**

72 Have you ever played basketball? If not, the name  
81 “basketball” gives you a clue about some of the rules.  
91 Basketball is played with a ball on a basketball court.  
101 Players score points by throwing the ball through a  
110 basket, or hoop.

113 There are rules about how to move the ball in  
123 basketball. Players must dribble, or bounce, the ball.  
131 They may also pass, or throw, the ball to another player.  
142 They may not hold the ball and run with it. This would  
154 not allow other players a chance to get the ball.

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Sport	Number of Players	Moving the Ball	Scoring
baseball	9	throw and hit	cross home plate for one run
basketball	5	dribble and pass	shoot basket for points

## 164 **Baseball Rules**

166 Baseball rules are different from basketball rules. The  
 174 pitcher from one team throws a ball to the batter on the  
 186 other team. The batter gets three chances to hit the ball  
 197 with a bat. Sometimes the batter misses. This is called  
 207 a strike. After three strikes, the batter is out. Then it is  
 219 another batter's turn.

222 When the batter hits the ball, he or she runs around  
 233 four bases. The last base is home plate. The batter  
 243 crosses home plate to score a run. The other team tries  
 254 to get the batter out. They can tag the batter with the  
 266 ball. Then the batter cannot score a run.

274 Without rules, sports would be confusing. No one  
 282 would know the way to play a game. Rules make every  
 293 player a good sport!

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**A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.****1.** Why are rules important in sports?

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**2.** What happens when a basketball player shoots the ball through the hoop?

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**3.** What happens when a batter in baseball gets three strikes?

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**B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to pronunciation. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.**

	Words Read	—	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		—		=	
Second Read		—		=	