

Basketball Knock Knock Jokes 2026 (Updated): 122 Clean Jokes for Kids and Fans

122 original puns, ready to copy

Basketball knock knock jokes work because hoops words already sound like other words. Hoop sounds like hope, foul sounds like fell, and dunk sounds like don't. The sport is also full of double meanings: a bank is a shot off the glass and a place for money, and an assist is a pass and a helping hand. Below are 122 original basketball knock knock jokes and basketball jokes, from easy lines for kids to March Madness groans for bracket fans. Every one is clean. If you want wordplay without the knocking, our basketball puns page covers captions, team names and one-liners.

Quick summary

Basketball knock knock jokes are call and response jokes where the answer to 'who's there?' is a basketball word like hoop, foul or alley, and the punchline turns it into a sound-alike phrase. They are short and clean, which makes them a favorite with kids, school teams and families on the way to game day.

- 122 original basketball jokes across 11 sections.
- 57 knock knock jokes, including lines for kids and a Christmas set.
- Question and answer jokes for kids, game day, March Madness and rec league adults.
- A sound-alike glossary and a short history of the knock knock joke.
- Updated 2026-10-21. No lines repeated from our basketball puns page.

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Short Basketball Knock Knock Jokes

Short basketball knock knock jokes to trade at practice, in the car or before tip off. Each one turns a hoops word into a sound-alike you can hear coming.

1. Knock knock. Who's there? Hoop. Hoop who? Hoop you saved me a seat at the game.
2. Knock knock. Who's there? Dunk. Dunk who? Dunk ask me to sit on the bench again.
3. Knock knock. Who's there? Foul. Foul who? Foul asleep in the stands. Did we win?
4. Knock knock. Who's there? Alley. Alley who? Alley-oop, I just dropped my nachos.
5. Knock knock. Who's there? Ball. Ball who? Ball I want for my birthday is a new hoop.
6. Knock knock. Who's there? Net. Net who? Net time, pick me for your team.
7. Knock knock. Who's there? Arena. Arena who? Arena hurry? Tip off is not until seven.
8. Knock knock. Who's there? Assist. Assist who? Assist-er of mine shoots better than me.
9. Knock knock. Who's there? Rim. Rim who? Rim-ember to bring the ball this time.
10. Knock knock. Who's there? Shot. Shot who? Shot the door, the gym is freezing.
11. Knock knock. Who's there? Hoopla. Hoopla who? Hoopla-ying one on one after school?
12. Knock knock. Who's there? Pasta. Pasta who? Pasta ball, I am wide open.

Funny Basketball Knock Knock Jokes

Funny basketball knock knock jokes for fans who know the game. These lean on real court terms, a few legends, and the classic 'nothing but net.'

13. Knock knock. Who's there? Offense. Offense who? No offense, but your free throws need work.
14. Knock knock. Who's there? Whistle. Whistle who? Whistle you let me in, or do I need a timeout?
15. Knock knock. Who's there? Double. Double who? Double dribble? I call it extra practice.
16. Knock knock. Who's there? Guard. Guard who? Guard any snacks? I am starving after practice.
17. Knock knock. Who's there? Center. Center who? Center text an hour ago. Why didn't you answer?
18. Knock knock. Who's there? Steal. Steal who? Steal waiting out here. Open up.
19. Knock knock. Who's there? Wooden. Wooden who? Wooden you like to see my jump shot?
20. Knock knock. Who's there? Shaq. Shaq who? Shaq-ed you opened the door so fast.
21. Knock knock. Who's there? Airball. Airball who? Airball the seats taken? Then I will stand.
22. Knock knock. Who's there? Butter. Butter who? Butter make this free throw, or Coach will notice.
23. Knock knock. Who's there? Nothing. Nothing who? Nothing but net, baby.

Basketball Knock Knock Jokes for Kids

Gentle basketball knock knock jokes for kids, school teams and family game nights. They use easy names that sound like everyday words, so young players can tell them on their own.

24. Knock knock. Who's there? Sneaker. Sneaker who? Sneaker peek at my new shoes. They are so fast.
25. Knock knock. Who's there? Shoe. Shoe who? Shoe glad we are on the same team.
26. Knock knock. Who's there? Ken. Ken who? Ken you pass me the ball, please?
27. Knock knock. Who's there? Andy. Andy who? Andy crowd goes wild for the slam dunk.
28. Knock knock. Who's there? Juice. Juice who? Juice wait until you see my layup.

29. Knock knock. Who's there? Wanda. Wanda who? Wanda shoot some hoops after school?
30. Knock knock. Who's there? Howard. Howard who? Howard you like to be on my team?
31. Knock knock. Who's there? Justin. Justin who? Justin time for tip off.
32. Knock knock. Who's there? Hugo. Hugo who? Hugo first. I will guard the snacks.
33. Knock knock. Who's there? Mikey. Mikey who? Mikey to the gym is lost. Can you let us in?
34. Knock knock. Who's there? Gwen. Gwen who? Gwen do we get to play?
35. Knock knock. Who's there? Cheese. Cheese who? Cheese the best shooter on our team.

Corny and Cute Basketball Knock Knock Jokes

Classic knock knock names like Olive, Lettuce and Orange, given a basketball twist. These corny knock knock jokes are the ones kids repeat all the way home.

36. Knock knock. Who's there? Olive. Olive who? Olive basketball more than pizza.
37. Knock knock. Who's there? Lettuce. Lettuce who? Lettuce play one more game before dinner.
38. Knock knock. Who's there? Orange. Orange who? Orange you glad it is game day?
39. Knock knock. Who's there? Banana. Banana who? Banana split the defense wide open.
40. Knock knock. Who's there? Boo. Boo who? Don't cry, we will win the next one.
41. Knock knock. Who's there? Honeydew. Honeydew who? Honeydew you love a good buzzer beater?
42. Knock knock. Who's there? Ice cream. Ice cream who? Ice cream every time we score.
43. Knock knock. Who's there? Cash. Cash who? No thanks, I will have peanuts at the game.
44. Knock knock. Who's there? Tank. Tank who? Tank you for passing me the ball.
45. Knock knock. Who's there? Ketchup. Ketchup who? Ketchup, slowpoke, the fast break started.
46. Knock knock. Who's there? Doughnut. Doughnut who? Doughnut forget your lucky socks.
47. Knock knock. Who's there? Cow says. Cow says who? No, silly, cow says moo. The crowd says swish.

Christmas Basketball Knock Knock Jokes

Holiday knock knock jokes for team parties, stocking stuffers and driveway games in the snow. Jingle bells, meet squeaky sneakers.

48. Knock knock. Who's there? Mary. Mary who? Mary Christmas, I got you a basketball.
49. Knock knock. Who's there? Snow. Snow who? Snow way you made that half court shot.
50. Knock knock. Who's there? Yule. Yule who? Yule never guess what Santa left under the hoop.
51. Knock knock. Who's there? Elf. Elf who? Elf me find my sneakers. The game starts soon.
52. Knock knock. Who's there? Holly. Holly who? Holly-days are made for driveway hoops.
53. Knock knock. Who's there? Santa. Santa who? Santa ball to you by mail. Did it bounce in yet?
54. Knock knock. Who's there? Noah. Noah who? Noah good place to play hoops on Christmas?
55. Knock knock. Who's there? Claus. Claus who? Claus the door, it is snowing on the court.
56. Knock knock. Who's there? Tree. Tree who? Tree point shot, and Merry Christmas.
57. Knock knock. Who's there? Coal. Coal who? Coal me when the holiday tournament starts.

Basketball Jokes for Kids

Basketball jokes for kids in simple question and answer form. Short setups, clean punchlines, and nothing a coach would need to whistle.

58. Why did the basketball player carry a pencil? To draw fouls.
59. Why are basketball players such messy eaters? They are always dribbling.
60. What do you call a pig that plays basketball? A ball hog.
61. Why did the chicken get kicked off the team? Too many fowls.
62. What did the ball say to the net? Thanks for always catching me.
63. Why can't Cinderella play basketball? She always runs away from the ball.
64. Why did the coach flood the court? He wanted his players to sink a few shots.
65. Why did the basketball go to the doctor? It was feeling a little flat.
66. Why did the bird make the team? It had amazing hang time.
67. Why did the kid bring a ladder to practice? To reach the high fives.
68. Why was the gym so hot after the game? All the fans had left.

Funny Basketball Jokes for Game Day

Our pick of the best basketball jokes for watch parties, team dinners and long bus rides to away games. Each has a setup, a beat, and a punchline built on real court terms.

69. Why do basketball players make good bakers? They are experts at dunking.
70. Why did the hoop go to therapy? Too many people took shots at it.
71. What did the backboard say to the ball? Stop hitting on me.
72. Why did the coach bring string to the game? To tie the score.
73. Why did the ball quit the team? It was tired of being passed around.
74. Why did the basketball team go to the bank? To get more quarters.
75. What do you call a player who misses every shot? A bricklayer.
76. Why was the scoreboard so stressed? Everyone was counting on it.
77. Why did the basketball player go to jail? He shot the ball.
78. Why did the sports reporter bring a broom to the playoffs? To cover the sweep.
79. Why don't mummies play basketball? They are too wrapped up in themselves to pass.

Basketball Jokes One Liners

Not every laugh needs a knock first. These basketball jokes one liners fit in a group chat, a yearbook or a locker room whiteboard.

80. My jump shot is so smooth, the net asked for my number.
81. My free throw routine takes longer than my homework.
82. I speak fluent basketball: dribble, pass, snack, repeat.
83. My defense is mostly good intentions and tall socks.
84. I came, I saw, I shot an airball.
85. My vertical leap peaks at the top shelf of the pantry.

86. I measure success in swishes per hour.
87. The backboard and I have a very clear relationship.
88. I don't chase dreams. I chase loose balls.
89. I would tell you a basketball joke, but I'd hate to watch it rim out.
90. Shooting percentage: low. Snack percentage: perfect.

Corny Basketball Dad Jokes

Corny basketball jokes, as told by fathers in driveways everywhere. Every dad has a full bench of these, and every kid has heard them twice.

91. I told my son I used to be a basketball star. He said, Dad, you are only tall in stories.
92. Why do dads love the free throw line? Free is their favorite price.
93. I named my dog Rebound. He always comes back.
94. Dad's scouting report: the couch has great defense.
95. Dad says he still has game. Mostly board games.
96. I don't travel. I take senior strolls with style.
97. Dad's three-pointer: pointing at the TV three times.
98. The only dunking Dad does now is cookies in milk.
99. Dad's jump shot is legendary, mostly because nobody has seen it in years.
100. Dad calls his bald spot the paint. Nobody is allowed in there for more than three seconds.
101. Dad wanted to play pro ball, but he kept getting called for traveling. Now he is a pilot.

March Madness Jokes

The NCAA tournament turns every fan into a bracket expert for about one day. These March Madness jokes cover busted brackets, Cinderella runs and the mighty buzzer beater.

102. March Madness turns my bracket into confetti by Friday.
103. My bracket is perfect. Perfectly wrong, but perfect.
104. A buzzer beater is cardio for the whole living room.
105. I predicted the upset. After it happened, but still.
106. Cinderella teams dance better than I do.
107. The selection committee has never seen my driveway form.
108. Why did the bracket go to the doctor? It was busted by the first weekend.
109. What do you call a 16 seed that beats a 1 seed? History.
110. My office pool has one rule: whoever picks by mascot wins.
111. Why do fans love the Sweet 16? It is the only sweet thing left after their bracket.
112. Final Four, final snacks, final shred of bracket dignity.

Basketball Jokes for Adults: Rec League, Refs and NBA Fans

Clean basketball jokes for adults who still play pickup on Saturdays and watch NBA games on weeknights. Knee braces and ice packs feature heavily.

113. A triple-double is just showing off with paperwork.

114. Rec league rule: the guy in two knee braces always shoots the most.
115. My rec league team calls me the closer. I close the snack bar.
116. Refs are like dentists: everybody complains, and nobody wants the job.
117. Coach said give 110 percent. I gave him 10 and a sports drink.
118. My knees call a timeout before I do.
119. Playoff basketball: where legends and laundry both pile up.
120. I play pickup on Saturdays and pick up ice packs on Sundays.
121. The NBA Finals make my snacks nervous too.
122. In the over-35 league, fast breaks are now medium breaks.

Frequently asked questions

What are good basketball knock knock jokes?

Good basketball knock knock jokes use a hoops word that sounds like an everyday word. 'Hoop who? Hoop you saved me a seat' works because hoop sounds like hope. Other strong picks are Foul (fell), Dunk (don't) and Alley (alley-oop). Say the punchline out loud first: if the sound-alike is not obvious, kids will not get it.

What are some funny basketball jokes?

Funny basketball jokes use court words with double meanings. A favorite from this page: why did the basketball player carry a pencil? To draw fouls. Another: why do basketball players make good bakers? They are experts at dunking. This page has 120 more, from knock knock jokes to March Madness one-liners.

What are good basketball jokes for kids?

Good basketball jokes for kids are short and use words they already know. Try 'What do you call a pig that plays basketball? A ball hog' or 'Why can't Cinderella play basketball? She always runs away from the ball.' Knock knock jokes with names like Ken, Wanda and Justin are also easy for young players to remember.

What do you say to a knock-knock joke?

You say two things. When the teller says 'knock knock,' you answer 'Who's there?' When they give a name or word, you repeat it and add 'who,' like 'Dribble who?' That second line sets up the punchline, so good timing and a straight face make every knock knock joke land better.

What's the original knock-knock joke?

No one knows the very first one. The porter in Shakespeare's Macbeth, written around 1606, already says 'Knock, knock! Who's there?', but the pun format became a craze in the United States in 1936, when newspapers and radio shows ran contests for the best ones. One often-quoted early example is 'Rufus who? Rufus the most important part of your house.'

What's a flirty knock-knock joke?

A flirty knock knock joke is a light, sweet tease in knock knock form. A clean basketball version: Knock knock. Who's there? Olive. Olive who? Olive you, and I would pick you first for my team. It works best with a smile, and it doubles as a cute line for a Valentine's card for a basketball fan.

What is the best joke ever?

There is no single best joke, because humor depends on taste and timing. In 2002, the LaughLab project led by psychologist Richard Wiseman collected more than 40,000 jokes and votes from around the world, and a short joke about two hunters came out on top. On this page, the pencil and fouls joke gets the most groans.

Who invented basketball?

James Naismith invented basketball in December 1891 at a YMCA training school in Springfield, Massachusetts. He needed an indoor game for a winter gym class, so he nailed two peach baskets to the balcony and wrote 13 rules. Players had to climb up to get the ball back out of the basket after every score.

What are some catchy basketball sayings?

Catchy basketball sayings include 'ball is life,' 'shoot your shot,' 'leave it all on the court' and 'defense wins championships.' Fans also love 'ball don't lie,' a phrase Rasheed Wallace made famous after missed free throws that followed calls he disagreed with. Teams print these on shirts because they sum up the sport in a few words.

Who is the NBA player with the funny laugh?

Kawhi Leonard is the NBA player famous for his funny laugh. At his first Toronto Raptors media day in September 2018, he let out a short, stiff 'ha ha ha' in the middle of an answer. The clip went viral, fans turned it into memes, and Kawhi later joked about it himself.

