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Guinea pigs are pets.



Guinea pigs are fun to play with and make the best pets.

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Guinea pigs are fun to play with and make the best pets.

Guinea pigs are lovable and smart.

Guinea pigs are mammals that can bite.

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Guinea pigs are friendly and loving pets.
They can have different colors of fur.



Guinea pigs are mammals that smell bad and make loud noises.

Guinea pigs are mammals that chew on shoes and furniture.

Guinea pigs are cute little mammals that are fun to watch.



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Guinea pigs are better pets than birds. Guinea pigs like to play and snuggle, but birds do not like that.
Having a guinea pig as a pet makes people feel loved and needed.

Guinea pigs are better pets than birds because guinea pigs like to play and snuggle.

Guinea pigs like to play and snuggle with birds.

Guinea pigs are better pets, and birds do not like that.



The Alamo is in San Antonio.

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The Alamo is in San Antonio, and the Alamo is 300 years old.

The Alamo is 300 years old.

The Alamo is in San Antonio and is 300 years old.

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The Alamo is a popular place for students to visit with their classes. Many students have the whole day to tour the building and gardens. They also tour the museum.

Many students have the whole day to tour the building, gardens, and museum.

Many students have the whole day to tour the building, and to tour the Alamo, and to tour the museum.

Many students have the whole day to tour the building, or the gardens, or the museum.

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A tour of the Alamo begins at the information center. First a tour guide leads the visitors around the mission grounds.



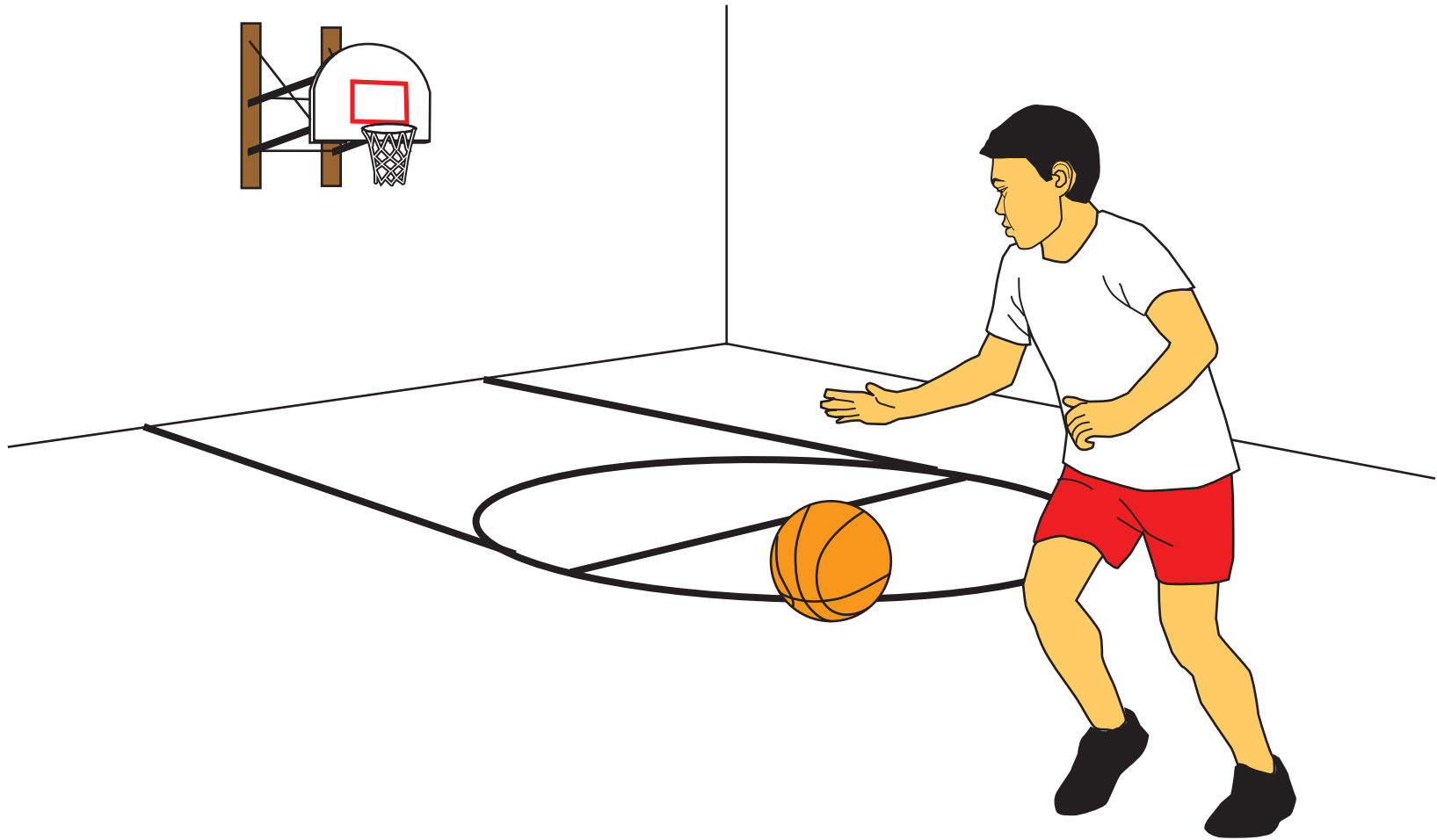
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Finally, when the tour ends, visitors can exit through the gift shop to see a model of the Alamo in 1836.

First the visitors exit through the gift shop where they leave.

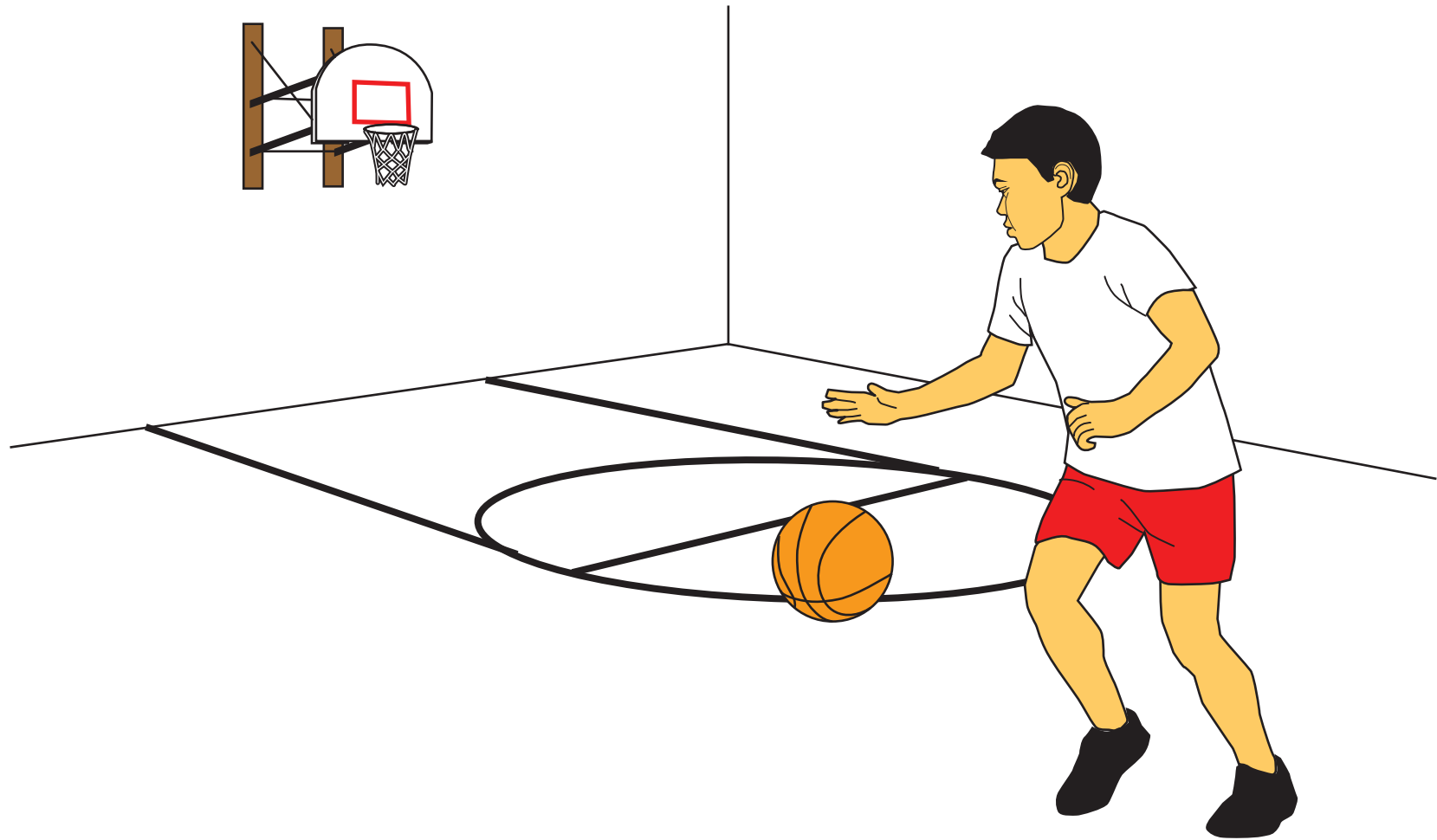
Finally the tour is over, and the visitors leave the mission grounds.

Then visitors can walk inside the buildings and see old uniforms, cannons, and paintings.



Ming practices playing basketball to become a better basketball player.

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Ming practices to become a better basketball player.

Ming practices bouncing the ball and making baskets to become a better basketball player.

Ming practices basketball.

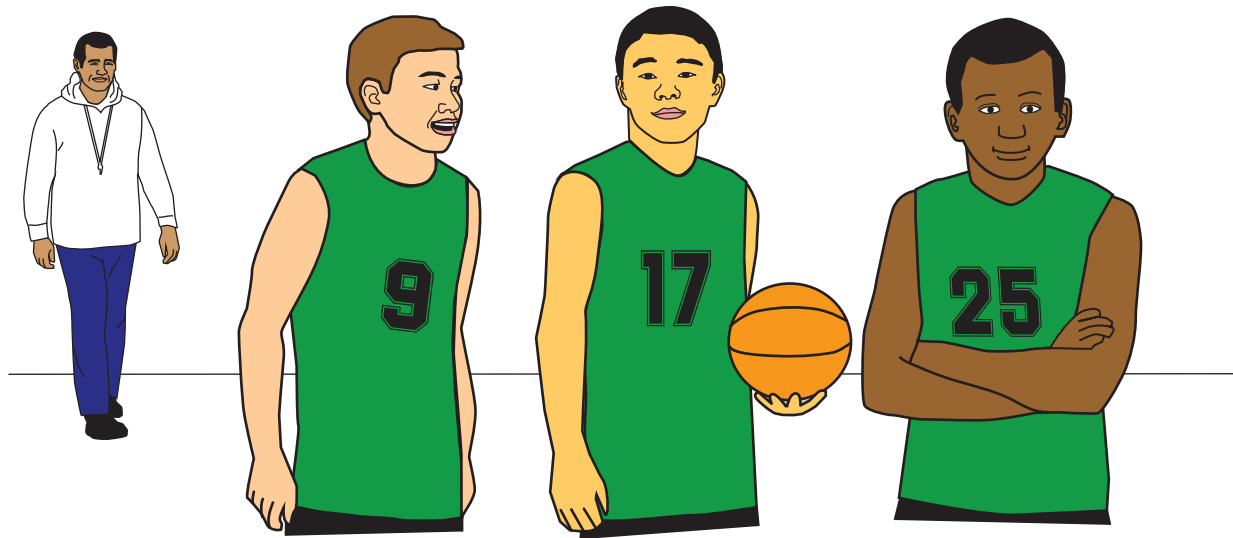


The coach picked the teams. He
blew his whistle to start the game.

The coach blew his whistle to start the game, but he picked the teams.

The coach picked the teams, or he blew his whistle to start the game.

The coach picked the teams, and he blew his whistle to start the game.



When the game was over, Ming and the other players were tired. The coach talked to the players about things they could practice to become better. The boys were excited. They wanted to learn how to be better basketball players.

The boys were excited and had fun.

The boys were excited to become better basketball players.

All the boys were excited about basketball.



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Donna Shaver became interested in sea turtles more than 30 years ago.



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Donna Shaver attended college and studied wildlife biology in new york. She had never seen the ocean until she moved to texas to help with the research and rescue of sea turtles.



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The boy is on the bicycle.



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The boy is on the bicycle. He is wearing a helmet into his head.

He is wearing a helmet through his head.

He is wearing a helmet on his head.



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The boy parks his bicycle at school. He puts the bicycle before the bike rack.

after

behind

in



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There are many students who ride their bicycles to school. During the school day, the bicycles are parked underneath each other.

During the school day, the bicycles are parked instead of each other.

During the school day, the bicycles are parked next to each other.

During the school day, the bicycles are parked on top of each other.

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