

**Basketball phonics (1):** A popular game with older pupils: fast pace with repetition, ideal for learning letters/sounds/high frequency words

### Resources:

- Basketball
- basketball net
- Hoops/ mats
- Sounds /words (on A4 card)



### Instructions:

1. Put pupils in alphabetical order. Ideally, use alphabet arch to reinforce learning/knowledge.
2. Set out several bases in a diagonal line as shown in the diagram (better for queuing) . Ask pupils to line up at base point 1.
3. Show pupil a sound/letter/word from phase you wish to focus on. Ask them to identify it: if correct, pupil to take a shot. If the shot is successful, the pupil moves to base 2.
4. Repeat process for other pupils until a suitable end point.
5. OPTIONAL: Add a reading or writing base that pupils can go to between throws

*Top tip(s): Ensure pupils are listening by telling them their question may relate to another pupil's sound/answer. Differentiate by asking less confident pupils to initially repeat the sound. Ask more confident pupils to sound out or spell a word using the sound. Alternative: put sounds on floor next to hoop*