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## Basketball Lingo: Unlocking the Language of the Court

### Short Answer Key

1. A jump ball in basketball serves as the method for starting the game or overtime periods. Two players from opposing teams jump to try to catch the ball, and the team that wins the jump ball gains the first possession of the game.
2. After a jump ball, the team that did not gain possession at the start of the game gets possession for the next jump ball situation, typically at the beginning of the second half.
3. The shot clock is a timer that counts down the seconds a team has to attempt a shot. It is significant because it prevents teams from stalling and encourages a faster-paced game.
4. A field goal is a basket scored during regular play, while a free throw is a scoring opportunity awarded after a foul or certain rule violations.
5. A coach might call a timeout during a basketball game to discuss strategies, make substitutions, provide instructions to players, or give the team a brief rest. During a timeout, the coach can address various aspects of the game, such as offensive and defensive strategies or player performance.

