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We're not playing *together* out there, the coach yelled.

You're all so *selfish*! There's no "I" in "team!"

There's a "me" in "team," said the point guard.

And "meat," said the center.

"Eat" and "ate" and "tea" are in "team," said
the forward.

"At tea, me and me tame mate, Mae, ate meat, Ma" is
in "team," said the shooting guard.

"And" isn't in "team," said the center.

Hey, I'd like to see you link two nouns without a
conjunction, said the shooting guard.

I quit, said the coach.

That's not in "team," said the forward.

Basketball

BY TREVOR ZUIDEMA

A basketball grabbed the boy, dribbled and dunked
him. The other balls cheered and soon a game
began.

Put me down, screamed the boy.

Shut up, said a ball and shot him again.

The basket moved and the boy hit the wall. The walls
cheered. The balls booed.

I'm not playing, said the basket. His teeth have
chipped my rim and look how messy my backboard
is.

The walls suggested playing four goal soccer instead.

So the balls kicked the boy around while the basket
left the gym for a shower and a beer.