BANANAGRAMS 20

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Bananagrams—anagrams to drive you bananas—consist of rhymed couplets, each one containing a pair of anagrams to be solved. One of the rhyming words will always be an anagram, and the couplet itself will offer clues to help solve the anagram.

1. If you want to dunk, you need a mentor
   According to a xxxxxx xxxxxx.

2. Lovely ladies, acquire some wittiness.
   You can’t hope to get by on xxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxx.

3. Try saying “shhh!” and you’ll start a riot.
   Today’s libraries are not xxxx xxxx.

4. Fatha Hines, he be a pearl
   And a great pianist but not a xxxx xxxx.

5. Cell phones, SUVs, exact change—
   My xxxx covers a pretty wide xxxx.

6. A glimpse of stocking was looked on as shocking and rude
   In olden days—and by today’s super xxxx xxxx.

7. Lipstick, newt’s eye, extra curse—
   A witch’s handbag is a xxxx xxxx.

8. A con is better off in solitary confinement
   Than his pal on Death Row xxxxxxxxxxx the xxxxxxxxxx.

9. What’s in the pudding? Confusing to some,
   Is it a xxxx or is it a xxxx?

10. Here’s a hint for kidnap planners:
    Your xxxx is higher if you concentrate on xxxxx.