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 xxxxxxx xxxxxxx.

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 xxxxx xxxxx.

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

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

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

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

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

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 xxxxxxx is higher if you concentrate on xxxxxx.