

## KULTURECKE

Young people in Germany participate in all kinds of sports and activities. They belong to clubs and have many different hobbies and interests. Sports are extremely popular—everything from soccer, volleyball, tennis, and skiing to more unusual sports such as hang gliding, windsurfing, and snowboarding. Many currently popular activities come from the USA: skateboarding, rollerblading, American football, baseball, and streetball or **Strassen-Basketball**.

In Germany many young people join clubs to pursue their interests. There are hunting and fishing clubs, rowing and sailing clubs, hiking clubs, computer clubs, and model railroading clubs, just to mention a few. Many young people are involved in music. They play in orchestras or community bands, they sing in choruses, and, of course, there are many who form their own rock groups.

Read the following newspaper article about a fast-growing sport in Germany. How many words can you recognize from English?

### Streetball — ein neuer Trend

**Hamburg** — Der amerikanische Sporttrend Streetball wird in Deutschland immer mehr populär. Die Strassen-Basketball-Saison beginnt im April und endet im Oktober mit den Deutschen Streetball-Meisterschaften. Es gibt in Deutschland schon eine Million Fans. Man braucht nicht viel, um Streetball zu spielen: drei Spieler pro Team, einen Ball und einen

Korb. Ganz einfach! Am 24./25. September machte in Hamburg die amerikanische Profiligen NBA die «3-gegen-3-Welttournee» mit mehr als 700 Teams und 2800 Spieler. Es ist eine richtige Massenbewegung! NBA-Manager David Stern erklärte dazu: «Wir fühlen uns verpflichtet, den Basketball in Europa zu fördern».