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Living Language German, Complete Edition: Beginner Through Advanced Course, Including 3 Coursebooks, 9 Audio CDs, And Free Online Learning



Synopsis

Complete German is a unique multimedia program that takes you beginner to advanced level in one convenient package. At the core of Complete German is the Living Language Method[®], based on linguistic science, proven techniques, and over 65 years of experience. Our method teaches you the whole language, so you can express yourself, not just recite memorized words or scripts. Millions have learned with Living Language[®]. Now it's your turn.

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- Progress with Confidence Build on each lesson as you advance to full sentences, then actual conversations.
- Retain what You've Learned Special recall exercises move your new language from short-term to long-term memory.
- Achieve Your Goals Don't just mimic or memorize. Develop practical language skills to speak in any situation.

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Customer Reviews

This product is amazing, far beyond my expectations of it. The best part is the audio CD's follow almost exactly along with the book. In some ways it's better than rosetta stone and others it isn't.

But I would definitely recommend this over Rosetta stone just because it has course books and exercises to do. Hope this helps!! :)

I bear a great love for languages, and my first language I ever developed quite fully was German, through the Living Language complete German program course. Though the course does not necessarily make you an advanced or fluent speaker despite the title of the final book, I was surprised with what knowledge I had attained after I finished it. It is probably one of the best courses out there for beginning students; it starts off nice and easy and doesn't overwhelm you with too much at first (unlike a Russian course of a different edition from the same company I got that failed to be structured in as easy a manner). The first few chapters equip you with what you could call basic survival words and phrases which is helpful, and the grammar is spread out evenly through each chapter so that you learn a little of it as you keep progressing instead of taking it in in large segments. There are also unit tests after every three or four chapters to test what you've learned. Overall it is structured to take you long in an amazingly easy-flowing way. You will remember most of what you learn and most likely have little difficulty with the course. After you complete the course, you will probably have to be creative and find some verb, vocabular, and grammar building books separately to maintain and increase your knowledge, but this, I found, worked for me as it gave me freedom to explore different books. My grammar comprehension grew a little hazy near the end but I picked it up in a jiffy through other books. 5 stars, awesome company and course. Good luck if you learn it! ...Oder, vielen gluck!

Living Language courses are great for introducing grammar and vocab. The exercises in the books are helpful for reinforcing what you read and listen to. I own the Complete German and the Complete French courses and recommend them both. If you buy them though, make sure you purchase another workbook and some vocab building books also. The exercises in the books are good, but you'll need more to keep practicing. And, can you really ever have a big enough vocabulary?

My original expectations were low, but I really like the latest version of the Living Language Complete programs. I am about half way through the German course, trying to brush up on my somewhat dormant German. This package covers grammar from very simple to fairly advanced language patterns. The progression of information presented is logical, and overlaps just enough to maintain contact with themes covered in previous lessons. Seeing vocabulary and language patterns in context is great, but I also like seeing tables and charts that summarize a complete grammatical

structure at a glance. Those are found in the back of the books. I am a language teacher, but was a graphic designer. The books in the program really use design well to communicate progress and to make the information accessible. I don't like hearing so much English on the CDs, especially in the early parts of the program, but the recordings are still quite useful overall. I don't think I've seen so much learning material at this price. I'll buy others in this growing series. Hindi is coming out later this year. Cool!

I'm half German and so is my husband. He was born and raised in Germany and is fluent in the language. Both my mom and younger sister still live there as well. So, to get to the point, having a background in the language; it's time to become fluent. FINALLY. I really chose this program based on price, but the reviews did help a lot. It comes handy with its own book holder. It has 3 workbooks---EssentialIntermediateAdvancedIt has a nice sized notebook, and then a tri-fold with 9 audio discs. The books are straight to the point, with a TON of information on each page. I have to put the books down, let the information simmer and then get back to it. There hasn't been an area where I've been like "ok this is a waste of time." I mean, I paid about \$31 bucks and for the price I am on my way to a new language. The audio discs are basic and I wish it was a bit more organized. When it comes to pronunciation and dialect, it is on point. The online community is very basic too, but I think the little games they have really help. Now; I'm very lucky to have many German speaking family members, because that is what is ultimately going to help me become fluent. You need to make sure whatever language you are learning, you can find someone to converse with. If you want to learn a language, you need to jump on these programs. Just do it...now....schnell! [hurry]

It is not meant to replace conventional language classes, but will suffice as a refresher or as a warm up for more traditional lessons. Just returned to school and will be starting German next semester (for the next eight semesters, UGH!), heard that these classes are pretty intense (Columbia U. in NYC), and since I have never spoken a word of German I decided to purchase this as an intro course, just to get a little bit under my belt. I am so glad I did. The lessons are at a great pace, very clear and concise pronunciation and intonation, decent explanation of grammar, pronoun, gender, and verb usage. I would recommend purchasing a couple of books on vocabulary and grammar, if only to build up on the lessons, if you plan on becoming entirely fluent as I am. Great little package for the price, and you can log onto the website for flashcards and games to switch it up a bit. Not sure how it compares to Rosetta Stone, but for the price difference, I'm very satisfied. In the end they're all the same, you get what you put into it...Practice, practice practice!!!

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