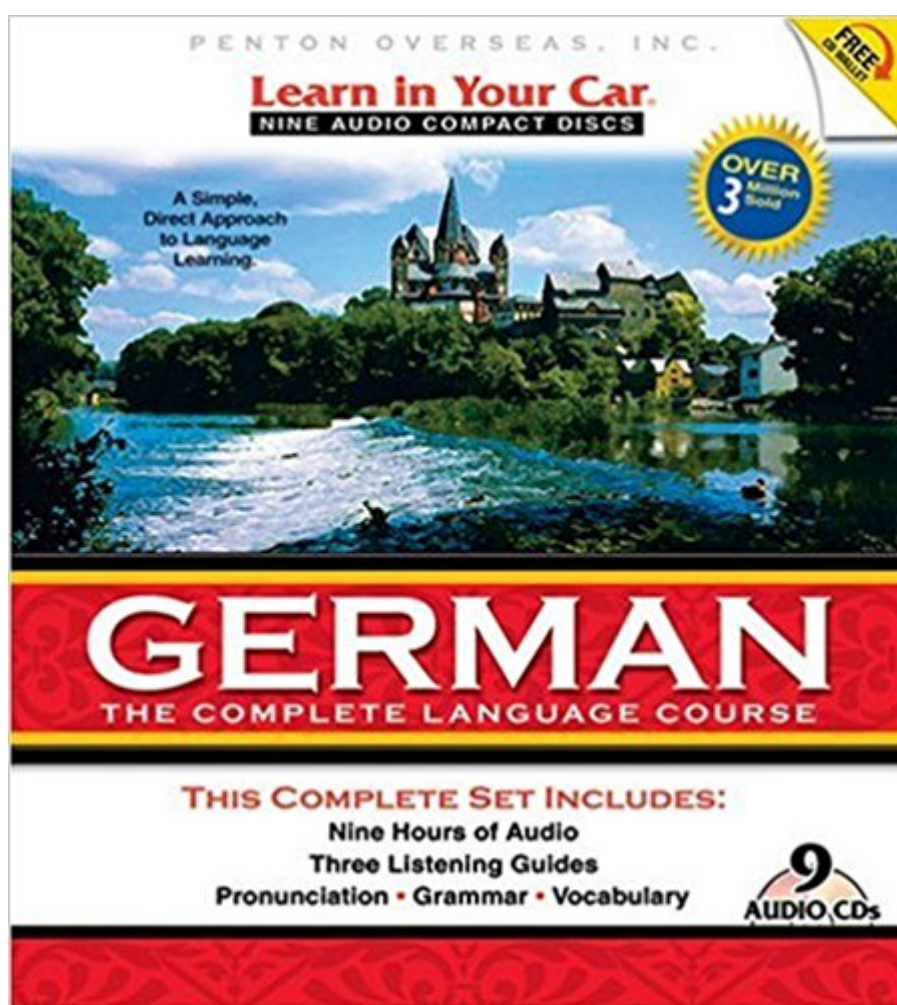


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Learn In Your Car German: The Complete Language Course [With Guidebook With Free CD Wallet] (German Edition)



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Our best-selling audio language-learning program provides comprehensive grammar and vocabulary to beginners and advanced students, offering guidance in pronunciation in addition to language fundamentals. Updated for the 21st century and re-recorded with fresh voiceovers, Learn In Your Car includes terminology for cell phones, computers and the Internet, as well as contemporary currencies and usages. Listeners learn pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar of a new language without the need of a textbook: Level 1: Key words and phrases, basic grammar skills, emphasizes travel needs; Level 2: Expands vocabulary, new grammar concepts, more day-to-day activities; Level 3: Broadens vocabulary base, more advanced grammar skills, enriches conversational ability. 9 hours of audio on 9 compact discs, 3 booklets with recorded text for reference & grammar notes, Zippered CD Wallet, Travelogue DVD.

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Customer Reviews

Look ma, no textbooks! The Learn in Your Car series treats you like a child--in the best possible way--starting with one-word phrases ("please," "good-by"), counting exercises, and simple nouns ("bus," "train") designed to imitate a child's learning process. First you hear the words in English, then they are repeated slowly in clear, unaccented pronunciations. The method is extremely effective for those who don't know a thing, or for those who want to brush up by testing themselves when the English words are spoken. The tapes emphasize the building blocks of communicating in

a foreign country rather than rote phrases that only apply on the tape and not in real-life exchanges. Level 1 painlessly covers basic verb forms, essential prepositions, near future and past tenses, as well as shopping, hotel reservations, and other travel-related situations. The series includes French, German, Italian, Russian, Japanese, and Spanish in three levels that can be purchased individually or in boxed sets. Each level contains two 90-minute cassettes (or CDs) and an accompanying booklet (not for use behind the wheel) with helpful explanations and scripts for the lessons. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

I have studied Spanish and French, as well as some very limited Italian and even Japanese. I have found that I need both written and audio materials since I tend to learn best when I can see the word as well as hear it. I found this set of CDs to be very helpful in getting a jump on pronunciation, but I do not use it in a car -- I use it with the booklet for my visual-audio inputs. Learning foreign languages for me has always involved repetition - lots of repetition. These CDs make it possible to get that repetition in handy short lessons and the breakdown into so many individual lessons makes review a very simple process. After a couple weeks of using this product, I supplemented it with additional written materials (this is due partly to my need to "see" as well as hear a language in my learning and my "perfectionist" tendency to want to know more details about the structure of a language early in the learning process). I was quite surprised to discover how many words and phrases I understood in reading the additional materials. Even if I never gain verbal fluency, it appears that I will nonetheless achieve some level of reading competence, which in my travel experience is also an advantage. One additional handy thing was that the CDs included one with MP3 format lessons, so I put the lessons on my Sansa player, although I had to edit the details a bit to get the lessons and descriptions in order in the Sansa listing. As a nearly 60-something trying to add a little German competence while contending with a hearing deficit to boot, I am very happy with this product. UPDATE Aug 10, 2009 Now that I have had this set for another month, I am even more pleased with it. It is helping a great deal with my pronunciation and the many phrases are adding to my perceived ability to communicate. As mentioned previously, I am using a written supplement ("German How to Speak and Write It" by Rosenberg) because I like to understand more about the grammar of the language. Between the two, I have gotten to where I am reasonably comfortable with the declensions of German, sentence structure is making more sense, and I now understand why certain words change endings and/or articles change in what I hear on Learn in Your Car.

These things are great to listen to, to hear the pronunciation of various native speakers (they might use 3 different speakers over the course of the 3 volumes) but there is no way that you're going to learn a language this way unless you are a mimic. They are good for practice and pronunciation, though. They don't make you come up with the translations on your own. It's too easy to sit back and wait a few seconds and just listen to the correct translation. And it's far too distracting to try to drive and listen to this at the same time. It's cool to rip to mp3 and listen to on a hammock though. I've spent enough time studying languages to know that the only way to really learn them is to force yourself to translate back and forth between English and the foreign language and build-up your vocabulary. But still that will not give you the proper or even a realistic pronunciation, and that is where these CDs really help. I've studied German off and on for 20 years and this is the first real exposure that I've had to those tricky German phrases from native German speakers where I could go back and replay it instantly if I wanted to. In that regard it works well.

Learn in your car series is perfect for busy people who have desire to learn and explore the world of languages which is interested and have a great value in the life as the years goes by, then will discover that have gain new language or at least is not stranger to it any more.

I have "Learn in Your Car French" and "Learn in Your Car Italian" in earlier versions (when the French still used francs and the Italians still used lire). In those older versions, it's hard to tell when a CD gets to the last lesson and begins to repeat the first lesson. In this new version of "Learn in Your Car German," it is very easy to tell, because each CD begins with music. The older French and Italian versions have translations of the same English sentences, but the newer German version has updated ones. The new sentences about computers are useful to me, but I could do without all the dating-related stuff!

This is the BEST way to learn a language.

I have wanted to learn German and have gone there without knowing it. Now I am finally learning it on my drive to work daily. I thought it would be hard but I am surprised with how it is finally sinking in. It really isn't hard and I would recommend these CD's.

This is a good way to learn German. It is the way a child learns to speak. You hear the words, then learn sentences. It is still not an over night learning, you have to practice, but it does seem easier

than the way I was thought in school. It is a very good refresher course.

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