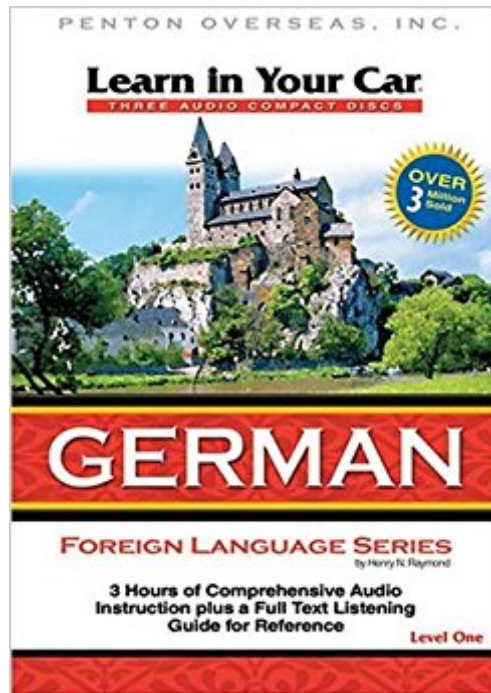




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Our best-selling audio language-learning program provides comprehensive grammar and vocabulary to beginners and advanced students, offering guidance in pronunciation in addition to language fundamentals. Updated for the 21st century and re-recorded 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. 3 hours of audio on 3 compact discs, 1 Listening Guide with recorded text for reference and grammar notes.

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Customer Reviews

I found the first set, "level one", of the Learn in Your Car German series to be an excellent refresher to basic German travel and shopping words. Years ago I had two years of German in my US high school, but I struggled with the language. I bought this first CD in order to relearn enough German to get around Germany and Switzerland, and ended up listening to the CD both on my 1-hour weekend commutes and while jogging (after ripping the CDs into mp3 format and adding them to my work out setlist). The CD really does start off with very basic words and phrases, focusing a bit

more on travel related words like bus stop, train station, how much does it cost, etc. I honestly think that people whom have not taken German will be able to pick up on the basic phrases, but that people whom speak some German already will find these first 3 disks rather slow. There are some words included in the lessons that I've never had the chance to use. Furthermore, some of the words are a bit out of date, such as references to the Deutsch Mark. It would have been nice for that track to be updated to talk about the Euro. I also found that the disk and my German language background did not prepare me for situations such as a local offering to buy me a drink! The CD set comes with a nice, small book. Sadly, while I've found it easy to listen to the CD again and again while jogging and to a lesser degree while driving, I've never found the time to read the book while listening to the CD. I do feel it would help both my ability to speak German and more importantly, my ability to read the language. I liked this set enough to buy the level 2 set. Furthermore, I found the way the lessons were broken up very useful in skipping tracks and focusing on the vocabulary I felt I'd need.

I just bought and started this set yesterday, and it is *exactly* what I wanted. After reading numerous reviews of this set and the same series in other languages, I was convinced this was the way to go. My only regret is that I didn't buy the complete 3-level set. I can tell I am going to want to continue once I've mastered level 1. There is an accompanying CD that features an interview with a language expert about how to learn languages, but I couldn't wait and started on disc 1. Right away, you are learning German like children learn their native language -- one word, then two words, then short sentences. I do recommend starting by sitting with the book once. It helps to see the spelling of the words as you listen to the German speaker say them. Not every word's spelling is apparent in my head as I listen, so I found this much more helpful for remembering the words and for overall understanding and pronunciation. German and English are both Germanic languages, so the language makes sense. It's a very descriptive language and you already know quite a few words from watching war movies or Hogan's Heroes on tv. (Achtung, bitte! Das ist verboten.) The most difficult part will be pronunciation, so I will practice a lot to avoid having a bad American accent as much as possible. When I was a kid in the early 70s, my family moved to Brazil for a year. There was no system to teach kids Portuguese and my brothers and I really suffered from not speaking the language. Now that I anticipate moving to Germany for a few years, I will do whatever I can to teach my children German as well. I plan to purchase Learn in the Car German for Kids, so we can all learn together. Then we'll go from there. Bottom line: If you want to learn German easily on your own and maximize the value of your time in the car, get this set!

I really enjoyed this set. The tape presentation was clear, giving opportunity to hear and practice pronunciation. The booklet was a handy reference and explained some of the basics. This is a useful set for either just dabbling in German...or used as "extra practice" in conjunction with a beginner's book such as "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning German." It's a nice way to ease into German before spending mega-bucks for an in-depth course. Great as a refresher, or for drill and practice while driving, exercising or working around the house.

An excellent overview of introductory german concepts. Covers basic phrases as well as important verbs and vocabulary in an excellent format (The amount of "fluff" between sections is kept to a minimum. Those familiar with other audio learning tapes will greatly appreciate this.). Great for the beginner, I've found it to serve as an excellent supplement to my German course.

I bought the excellent audiocassette version of this course some time ago, but now I want to get a CD-based course for greater convenience in rewinding and better durability than marginal-quality normal bias cassettes can provide. I was very disappointed in the publisher's attitude toward conversion to a CD format for a number of reasons. 1.) The cassette class has 3 levels of material, but the CD only comes in Level I. 2.) The 3-level cassette class actually costs less than just the single level available on CD. What a rip-off! 3.) They use 3 CDs to cover the information on 2 cassettes even though CDs can hold much more information than cassettes. Other companies put 60 minutes of language lessons on one CD typically. But this course also arbitrarily divides the lessons in a way that makes it much less convenient for someone wanting to use a CD player in their car (many CD's are loaded in the trunk, so the driver would have to pull over to skip to the next lesson, which should have fit on 1 CD in the first place.) I am very disgusted in the way an excellent language program has been marketed to inconvenience users unnecessarily while charging them triple the amount at the same time. I am now looking for another German language program I can learn in my car that is available on CD. The cassette version of this program is excellent (at least for those who have no choice but to use 30-year-old audio technology in their cars or prefer to study the language while walking with a portable cassette player), so that would be a better place to spend your money. Shame on the publisher!

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