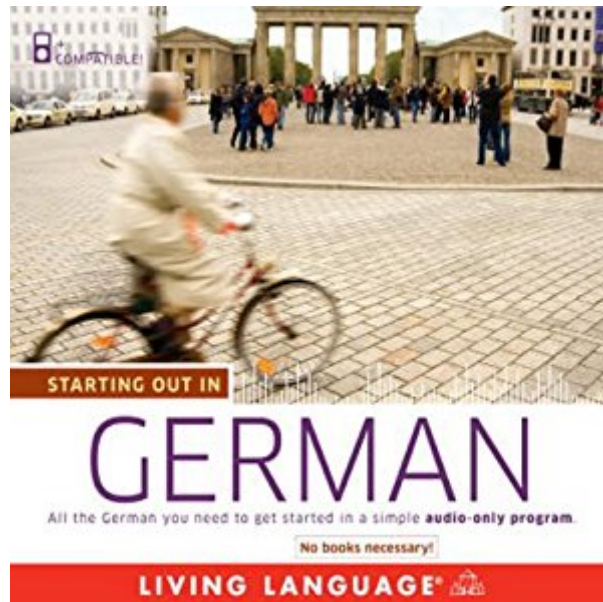


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Starting Out In German



Synopsis

Starting Out in German is a beginner-level program that includes short and simple lessons and dialogues. It covers all the basics, with plenty of repetition and practice, making it ideal for audio-only learning. Starting Out in German is perfect if you want to learn while commuting, running errands, or at the gym - or if you want to learn at home and simply prefer an all-audio course. If you want to refer to written material, you can go online to download the audio script.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Great language course for the price! I own several German audio courses, manuals and grammar books. This one is definitely one of my favorites. It is very compact - only 3 CD's. The text, with all the dialogues and vocabulary, can be easily downloaded and printed from the publisher's website. I did it myself. The course targets the basic everyday vocabulary and grammar. Specifically, it teaches the three cases of nouns (Nominative, Dative, Accusative) as the fourth - Genitive is not used in spoken language. It covers the present tense of verbs, which can also be used colloquially for the future tense (i.e Morgen fahre ich nach Berlin)and towards the end it introduces the Perfect tense. Perfect is pretty much the only past tense used in spoken German, especially in southern Germany and Austria. The quality of audio was also good. One of the speakers seems to have a southern accent. For instance, she is pronouncing letter "s" beginning a word as "s" in the word "see", not as "z" as I was taught. As German has more than one standard (it is "pluricentric"), I guess it is fine. In summary, the course delivers what it promises. It teaches a basic spoken language and provides a foundation on which a student can build to expand her knowledge of German in the future.

This audio-only program is not worth the price. Many of the pronunciations are complicated and with no text to double check, very difficult to learn. Many of the lessons are pedestrian at best. This guide isn't even as relevant as many tourist-based guides. Skip this one there has to be something much better out there.

It would be good to HEAR FROM OTHER BEGINNERS. The word "complicated" is grossly unfair. As a "German Freak" most consider me fluent. I have a massive collection of German audio. In all modesty, I evaluate pronunciations. 1. Nice program well worth the price. 2. Good pronunciations throughout. 3. No "better" alternatives cited. Is below reviewer down on what he or she is not up on? Has to be something better? Well - none were named. -----BELOW IS WHAT I AM RESPONDING TO-----"This audio-only program (SIC) is not worth the price. Many of the pronunciations are complicated and with no text to double check, very difficult to learn. Many of the lessons are pedestrian at best. This guide isn't even as relevant as many tourist-based guides. Skip this one there has to be something much better out there."

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