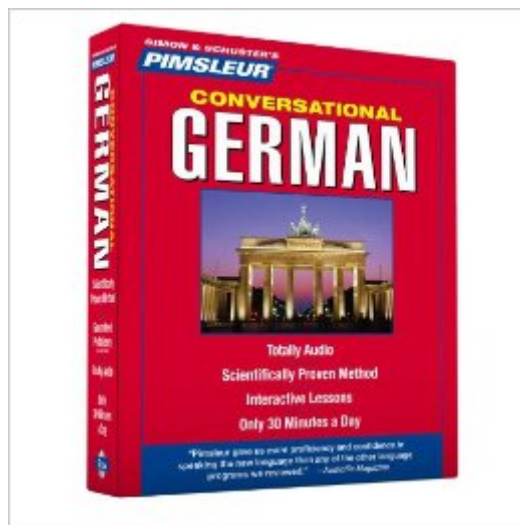


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# Pimsleur German Conversational Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-16 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand German With Pimsleur Language Programs



## Synopsis

Pimsleur® equals success. Just one 30-minute lesson a day gets you speaking and understanding like no other program. This course includes Lessons 1-16 from the German Level 1 program - 8 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. Topics include: greetings, numbers, meals, shopping, telling time, scheduling activities, and asking and giving directions. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak German. Reading instruction begins in Lesson 10 to provide you with an introduction to reading German. A Reading Booklet PDF must be downloaded. The German Language German is the official language of Germany and Austria and is one of the official languages of Switzerland. It is also an official language in Belgium, Lichtenstein, and Luxembourg. Nearly 100 million people speak German as their first language: about 77 million in Germany, 8 million in Austria, and 4.5 million in Switzerland.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been trying to learn the German language for 1 1/2 years because my parent company is based in Germany and I speak/correspond with them almost daily. I've tried Hueber, Langenscheidt, PONS and Rosetta Stone courses, but even though I was averaging 2 to 4 hours a day studying the

language, I found these courses tedious and never came to the point where I could actually say anything beyond "Guten Tag" on the telephone. After a week using the Pimsleur method, I was able to hold simple conversations with my German co-workers. The best thing about this course is I am able to listen to it on the way to work, while getting dressed for work, sunning at the pool, etc. I am spending far less time studying but I'm learning at a much, much faster pace. I liked this course so much that I gave away my Rosetta Stone course, which cost a great deal of money, and I purchased the complete Pimsleur method (levels 1, 2, 3 and plus). A couple of my co-workers have borrowed my Pimsleur courses. I am currently mid-way through level 2 and I'm amazed at how quickly my vocabulary and understanding of the German language has increased. I now consider the hundreds (possibly thousands) of dollars I've spent on other language courses a complete waste of money and effort. If I could give this course 100 stars, I would! In all fairness to the other courses, I have to say I did learn many words, but I could not form sentences correctly. It would take hours to compose a simple e-mail before and I could only do so if I had one of my German dictionaries beside me. Trying to speak to someone in German was impossible for me to do. I would never have believed I could learn so quickly. I am amazed. If you want to learn a foreign language - skip the other courses until after you've tried Pimsleur.

I have taken 'The short course', which is audio CDs only. I am a tainted reviewer of the Pimsleur method because I have taken a community college course on Conversational German. The weaknesses of this method are these: - acquisition of grammar and vocabulary is slow. - there's no reading or writing of German. - there's no advice about how to form the German sounds. (The CD has a barrage of examples, but you are left on your own to figure out how to make the sounds. This is harder than you might think.) - so much concentration is required during the lesson that I don't think it would be safe to drive or operate machinery while listening to these CDs. If you're looking for a CD for the car, this isn't the course for you. The strengths of this method are: - it's good listening practice. - there's more speaking practice than I got in a classroom setting. - there's more pronunciation practice than I got in a classroom setting. - the little material that is covered is constantly reinforced. - it's a good method if you get flustered by grammar terms such as 'nominative pronoun', 'genitive case', 'declension', and 'indirect object'. The Pimsleur method is mercifully free of all that. - there's no effort outside the half hour daily lesson! - all you need is an audio CD player. Some reviewers claim that you don't acquire any grammar, but that's not true. The course introduces German grammar concepts by example. The idea is that you acquired English grammar by example, not by grammar rules; therefore, you should acquire German grammar the

same way. It is certainly more natural than memorizing rules, but is also a very slow way to acquire German grammar.

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