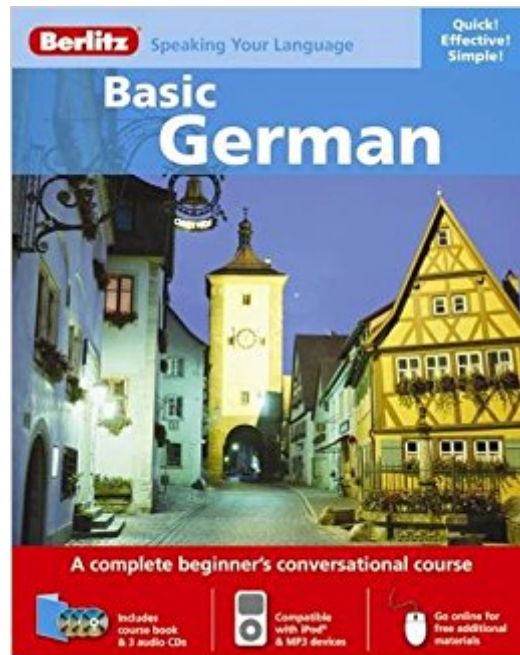




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I purchased this book to refresh my German. I am very fortunate that I was once fluent in the language and am only using this series to get my brain to switch between languages. One of the things that has bothered me so far is that fact that they leave out the you informal form for verbs and possession so far. I have not finished the book, however with both "to be" and "to have" verbs they have failed to mention the you informal form, a form you would use between friends, which I grew up using the majority of my time. I appreciate that they want you to learn the formal forms of the verb, but they need to include informal as well. German is formal at times, true but sheesh PLEASE include the DU form of everything. Du = you informal.

This is probably good practice for someone who has a little knowledge of German. However, for a beginner it is somewhat confusing and hard to follow their format in the beginning.

Great book!

Just what I wanted

I have never taken German and have only taken Spanish in high school and was never exposed to Spanish prior to high school, I received A's right away. Having said that, I was able to follow this German Basic course very well and am enjoying it. I am learning how to speak conversationally now and am looking forward to finishing it. I read the other reviews and can see how it can go wrong for some people. We all learn differently. I have tried Rosetta Stone (French) and I got so bored with that but did retain the words and phrases in level 1 (have not yet completed it.) My learning style is complemented by having a workbook (which is provided in the German Basic course) and the act of reading & writing just supports what I am learning from listening and repeating out loud. If you have the patience to learn, then this is a great beginner course. If you are in a hurry then maybe go with another product/company. I enjoy figuring out "puzzles" and in the workbook there is a puzzle factor

to it, that when you get it, makes you feel like you have exercised your brain.

This is marketing tripe. It's a cheap pile of useless junk. The speakers sound like American English speakers pronouncing German poorly. Compare this to Pimsleur--really, get the Pimsleur basic courses for a few dollars, hit the first few CDs, listen to the accents. Those are natives, they speak properly. There is no textbook; there is a workbook. You know, an activity book. It's just not useful.

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