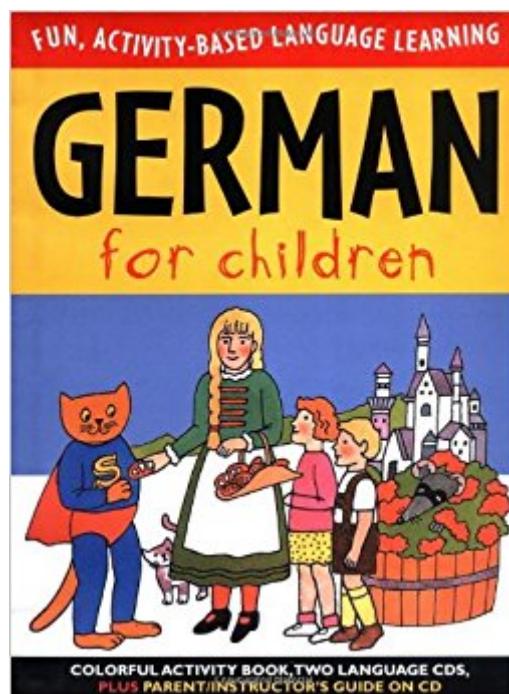


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# German For Children (Language For Children Series) (Paperback And Audio Cd's)



## **Synopsis**

Already a proven home-study program, the Language for Children series is making noise with this updated, integrated book-plus-audio edition. Along with its charming visuals and lively activities, the series now provides in CD format the stimulating sounds of language to entice preschoolers through primary graders into learning a second language. Cute, catchy songs and the humorous, serial adventures of SuperCat are sure to captivate the imagination and foster language acquisition. Each set in the series contains an 80-page full-color activity book coordinated with two 60-minute CDs as well as a Parent/Instructor CD packed with helpful tips. Together children and parents can master basic language skills, including making introductions, counting from 1 to 20, and describing objects. The perfect package for parents and teachers who want to familiarize three- to nine-year olds with foreign languages and cultures.

## **Book Information**

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

## **Customer Reviews**

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nice learning set. be sure to check the CD contents, not just the CD labels ( see other reviews) I

was fortunate to get the correct 2 cds.I also have the third edition. not much different.

I'm going to have to disagree with most of the other reviewers here. I tried using this book and audio CD to teach my seven-year-old German, which I already speak, but it's just not working for us. There are four main problems with this book and audio CD: 1. The German speakers are too hard to understand. They speak very quickly. I can understand them just fine, but my daughter can't, even when she knows the words. This is especially true with the children who speak on the CD. Sometimes these children change their voice to sound like animals and other people, and that makes it even more difficult. 2. The audio CD does not match the book. Even within the first ten pages of the book, the audio CD sometimes just ignores a page or part of a page. We'd be listening to a lesson and following it in the book, and then the next lesson would skip the rest of the page and jump to the next page. 3. The CD is divided into tracks, but the lessons are not one-to-one with the tracks. That is, you might need to rewind within a track to get to the beginning of a lesson, instead of just starting the track again. I imported the CD into iTunes to make it easier to go backwards and forwards, and I still got confused several times. 4. I found that the general order in which things are covered doesn't make much sense. The book will introduce full sentences and expressions, but not cover the basics. So you will learn to say, "My name is" and "Your name is", but not "His name is" or "Their name is". There's no real coverage of German grammar. So if you already speak German, and you want to teach your children, don't get this book. You're better off getting a regular book that teaches German vocabulary and grammar the old-fashioned way. You already speak the language, so your children won't need to hear it from someone else.

I am so happy I chose this item for my children. Although my daughters are only 3 and 5, I wanted something to help them learn basic words and phrases. The lessons are simple with lots of repetition and cute songs. I put the CD on when they are playing and sometimes they participate but just as often not - but later, I'll hear them singing the number song.

very prompt delivery; I was familiar with this textbook in French and loved it, so when my daughter also wanted to learn German, we ordered it for this language as well. The price for a new packet was much better on than on other sites for foreign languages (\$18 as opposed to \$34). A very good deal.

Used to reinforce our 4 y/o's learning on Saturdays. At home he enjoys listening and following in the

book. The best advantage is in the car...its easy to follow and I hear him hours later singing the songs. I am learning right along with him and its great fun. Really happy with the purchase!

Overall I thought it was cute although not as good as I had hoped. I was hoping for more of an immersion approach with less English on the CDs. The sound quality was average and I think that for learning a foreign language the sound quality should be excellent. It sounded like it had originally been on cassette tapes and transferred to CDs without enhancing the sound quality. My 3 year-old didn't like it, but that's simply her personal preference. I can see how other children might love it. There are quite a few references to witches and ghosts (but not in a scary way) and some parents may wish to know that before purchasing.

I was hoping for something that would catch and keep a young child's attention. This is kind of "last century" style of language learning. A motivated child over 6 could manage alone. Otherwise, an adult will need to be there to help the child along.

Was really hoping there would be more learning songs on this cd. I was disappointed for the amount I paid.

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