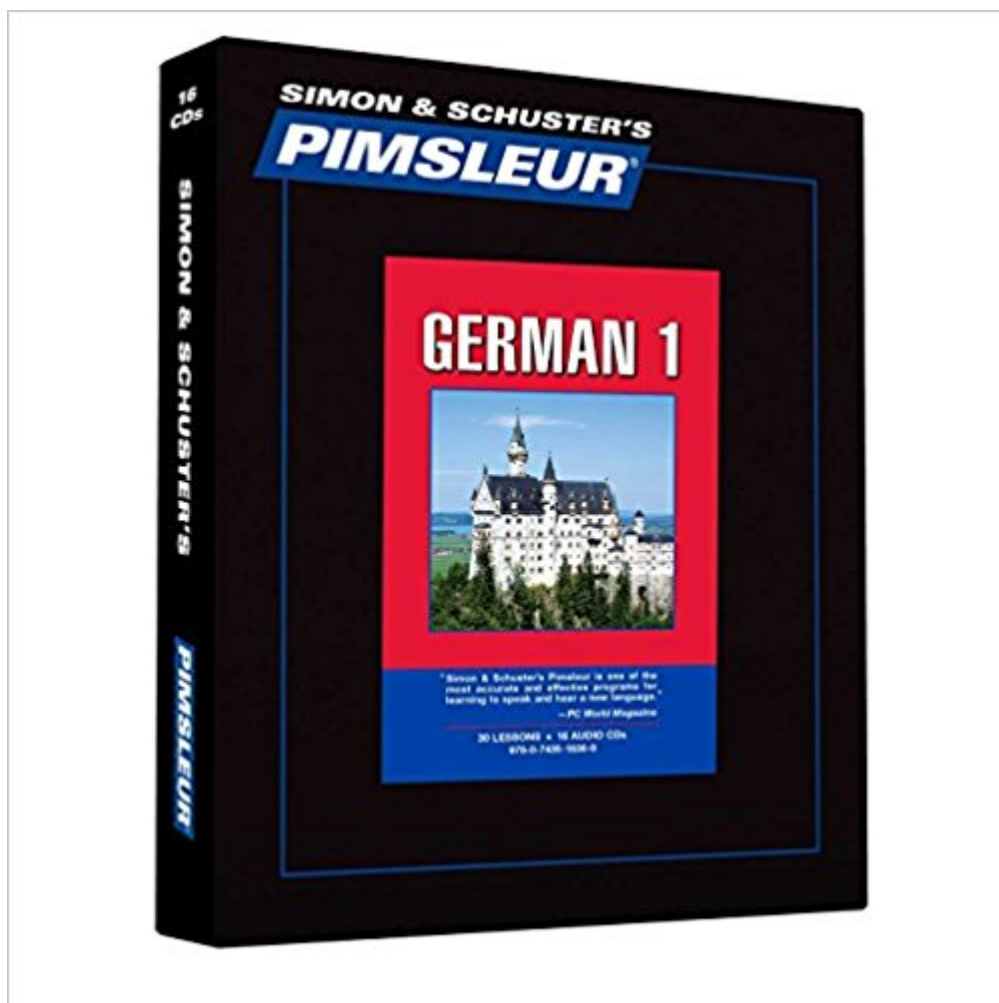




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# Pimsleur German Level 1 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand German With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)



## Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn German Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning German will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try. Why Pimsleur? - Quick + Easy - Only 30 minutes a day. - Portable + Flexible - Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life. - Proven Method - Works when other methods fail. - Self-Paced - Go fast or go slow - it's up to you. - Based in Science - Developed using proven research on memory and learning. - Cost-effective - Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers. - Genius - Triggers your brain's natural aptitude to learn. - Works for everyone - Recommended for ages 13 and above.

What's Included? - 30, 30-minute audio lessons - 60 minutes of reading instruction to provide you with an introduction to reading German designed to teach you to sound out words with correct pronunciation and accent - in total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers - a Reading Booklet and a User's Guide

What You'll Learn In the first 10 lessons, you'll cover the basics: saying hello, asking for or giving information, scheduling a meal or a meeting, asking for or giving basic directions, and much more. You'll be able to handle minimum courtesy requirements, understand much of what you hear, and be understood at a beginning level, but with near-native pronunciation skills. In the next 10 lessons, you'll build on what you've learned. Expand your menu, increase your scheduling abilities from general to specific, start to deal with currency and exchanging money, refine your conversations and add over a hundred new vocabulary items. You'll understand more of what you hear, and be able to participate with speech that is smoother and more confident. In the final 10 lessons, you'll be speaking and understanding at an intermediate level. In this phase, more directions are given in the target language, which moves your learning to a whole new plane. Lessons include shopping, visiting friends, going to a restaurant, plans for the evening, car trips, and talking about family. You'll be able to speak comfortably about things that happened in the past and make plans for the future. Reading Lessons begin in Lesson 10 to provide you with an introduction to reading German. In addition, the combined Reading Lessons are included after Lesson 30. These Reading Lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to teach you to sound out words with correct pronunciation

and accent. The Pimsleur Method We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his "secrets":

- **The Principle of Anticipation** In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind.
- **Core Vocabulary** Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We don't overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson.
- **Graduated Interval Recall** Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory.
- **Organic Learning** You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture.
- **Learning in Context** Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success.
- **Active Participation** The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English.

**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.

**Tech Talk** - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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## Customer Reviews

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

Absolutely the best language program on the market and I have tried them all. Pimsleur provides clear, distinct, native speakers using words and phrases that you will most likely encounter and need as tourist or a long term visitor to German speaking countries. Speakers start out speaking slowly and clearly to facilitate learning. As lessons progress, they pick up the pace slowly. The CDs are progressive and lessons build upon each other. Download the CDs to your MP3 player, computer or mobile phone and take the lessons anywhere you go. You are not tied to your computer and this version of Pimsleur does not require an internet connection. As with Rosetta Stone, there is no more guessing about pictures that depict useless phrases, such as the "red hat is bigger than the green hat". Learn how to greet people, order in a restaurant, get directions, tell time, purchase goods and so many other useful topics. And it is much cheaper than Rosetta Stone. I feel so much more confident when speaking German now.

I sing in a choir and found our Christmas repertoire will be entirely in German. I know nothing of the language, but thought this might be a good excuse to start learning. I've used Pimsleur before for Spanish, so I got the German version and use it during my commutes. Pimsleur is the best method I know for getting a foundation in a new language. The only way to really learn a living language is to hear and speak it. There are two common complaints about Pimsleur, that it moves too slow and that it uses a narrow vocabulary. I find however that the slow pace and repetition is essential for developing one's ear for the language and for learning essential forms. The narrow vocabulary lets one concentrate on these basics. Another method might cover more ground, but that is useless without assimilation. With Pimsleur, the basics are driven into your brain, and you don't forget

them. When I used Pimsleur to learn Spanish I found that I avoided many of the typical Americanisms such as not distinguishing 'ser' and 'estar' or the inability to use the subjunctive that plagued other English speakers who learned from books. I had a better accent and ear for the language as well. I'm fluent in Spanish now, and I think it is because of the two months I spent with Pimsleur 1 and 2. By contrast I had learned Italian in a classroom setting. It took me years to feel confident in that language, and I never learned it as well as Spanish, despite four years living in Italy! I'm very happy with the German so far. Two recommendations: 1) the CDs are expensive. I bought used, and thought the price was very reasonable. 2) With Spanish, I never used the booklet. It isn't necessary for learning to speak the language, but helpful if you want to be able to read it. I was able to speak Spanish for a year before I became functionally literate in it. I hope not to make the same mistake in German.

I am very impressed with this German I by Pimsleur. The German speech was slow, deliberate and repetitive. Which is exactly what I need. Prior to purchasing this program, I had been studying German for nearly 18 months and could not put a coherent sentence together. The German Grammar being as complicated as it is. I discovered that German Grammar is very complicated because they have so many exceptions. So, again for me this program is ideal. No worries about grammar, sentence structure, only learning to speak the language. I strongly recommend this program to any beginner or intermediate student. Going this way is so much better and less costly than any of the Internet Language Learning Courses since you do not have to rely on cumbersome and inaccurate Internet translators. Thanks for reading, Antonio

When I bought this I understood that this was primarily an audio teaching course and other buyers made that quite clear. I have purchased some other courses and this came highly recommended by most people. On the positive side, the breakdown of words and sentences, along with the pronunciation is helpful, but because there is no printed material for this course, you have no idea of what the words look like and it's often unclear (at least in the beginning) how the words are broken up in a sentence. If there was something to look at, like the sentences you're trying to learn, it would be a lot more helpful. I bought a German/English dictionary so I could look up as many words as possible to see what I'm saying. This is time consuming and not really conducive to learning the language quickly. For some people this way of teaching might work, but for me, I probably would have passed on this course if I'd experienced its shortcomings beforehand. A printed transcript of each lesson would make this work so much better. I hope they take this into

consideration. I won't be buying anymore of this course.

Worked though it on drive time to & from work. Enjoy knowing the basics of another language. I found that I was curious about how to spell what I was saying & put in extra time on the computer to learn more. I moved onto German II & plan to keep going with it. Ich sprechen Deutsche, but I am no good at writing it. Since I will only use it as a tourist, writing is not my prime objective. I learned many basics in 2 months and now have been at it for a year. Still enjoying it as I am almost done with German II.

I am disappointed with this product for two reasons. One, half of the CDs I already own as I had previously purchased "Conversational German". This makes me feel ripped off. For those people who purchase Conversational German, there should be an option to purchase the second half of the program. Second, the box containing the CDs doesn't even come close to being as nice as the zip-up case with the cheaper starter set (Conversational German). I had a really hard time getting the CDs out of the plastic holders and was afraid I'd break them in the process. However, this is a great program. After only a few weeks of listening to Lessons 1-16, I went to Germany and was able to understand and speak more than I expected. This made me thirsty for more, which is why I ordered this set (German 1). It's exciting to be able to learn a new language at the age of 52!

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