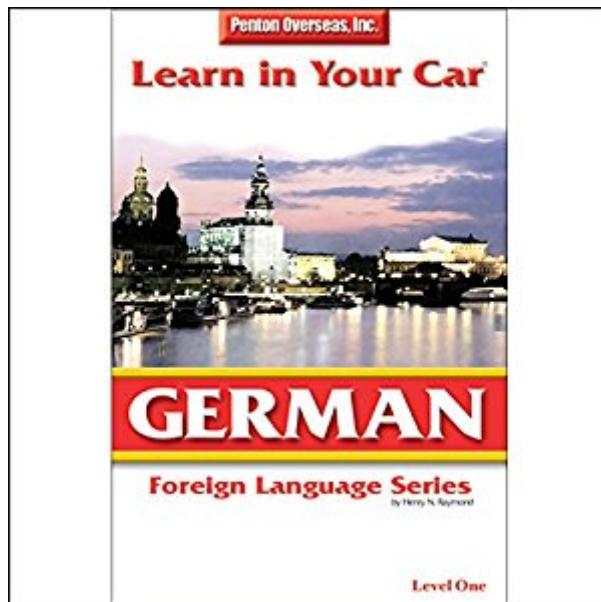


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# Learn In Your Car: German, Level 1



## Synopsis

The Learn in Your Car language series is the first system ever designed to teach a language in your car...or anywhere...without a textbook. Simple and effective, you can learn to converse in another language while driving, walking, or doing tasks around the house. Each course is organized the way you learn best - by learning words and phrases - and building these into sentences and clear conversations. Arrange hotel accommodations, order in restaurants, change money, and feel more at home next time you travel! The Learn in Your Car language series is: Easy to use without a textbook Prepared by dialect-free professionals Available in levels for students of all abilities Designed to teach grammar basics through recorded examples Level 1 offers an introduction to key words, numbers, phrases, sentence structure, and basic grammar. Level 2 teaches more challenging vocabulary, additional grammar, and targeted sentences designed to generate confidence in your ability to comprehend and converse. Level 3 presents expanded vocabulary, advanced grammar, and more detailed sentences to extend your conversational skills.

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## Customer Reviews

I really like this approach. I got just enough of the basics (in 3-4 weeks) so that I could travel to Germany and get along in the markets, restaurants, museums, hotels and navigate the transportation systems. They basically go through small phrases, building to longer phrases. They give you the German phrase, then the english translation, then the German phrase again. This is perfect if you're just sitting in traffic commuting to/from work (yes, people may think you're strange as you talk to yourself in the car... but hey, I had fun with it).I'm 57 yo and was worried that "old dogs can't learn new languages". I can tell you... yes you can! I probably didn't learn it as fast as a young

pup, but learning how to count, how to greet people, where is this/that, market phrases, is not that tough... the brain seems to be wired to accept new languages. I'm not sure you could get to full conversational proficiency with this method, but you can certainly learn enough to get around on a sightseeing trip. The one drawback if you mostly conduct this training in the car is that you don't see any written German... you only learn the sounds of words/phrases. So, it might take you a while to figure out what you're "reading" in Germany. There is a booklet that has the phrases written down, in order, in English and German... but, if you're driving, you're (hopefully) not reading the booklet at the same time. I went through 1.5 levels of the Spanish lessons when I had a 45 minute commute to/from work, a few years ago. I think it took me about 2 months to really feel comfortable enough to move through a disk (three disks per level). I would make a point of ordering lunches in Spanish at Chipotle and Baja Fresh. The cashiers are great at helping you... they can tell that you're learning and will work with you.. they slow down, but ask you more questions. After 1.5 levels I still couldn't follow Spanish TV at all, but I think if I would have stuck with it, by level three I think I would be following at least 50% of Spanish TV (I changed jobs and no longer had a long commute... didn't find a way to incorporate "sitting/listening" hour into my new daily schedule).

At first I was ready to throw it away...BUT DON'T STOP THERE! Why did I want to pitch it? Because I didn't read the little booklet first! I popped in the CD and they went right to work and I went right to berserk! Dumb! SO HERE IS THE GREAT STUFF! You have the full script word by word when you start. The word is first in English and then it is spoken in German 2 times, each time giving you time to repeat the word as best you can. At first my best was pretty choppy. I'm now actually getting the hang of it. Next you go to joining 2 words and it works the same way. WHAT REALLY HELPED ME WAS TO: write the sounds following the German words in the little booklet. (Phonetically really helps me.) I need to hear, say and write it down like I think it sounds to me. You'll find things coming together like the letter W is pronounced like our V. The V sounds like an F (to me anyway). I have now memorized the most important things such as: Where is the bathroom? How much does it cost? (or just) How much? Good morning. Good afternoon, Good evening, Good night, etc. My trip is coming up and I'll be able to amuse the Germans with my accent and mistakes. But as I understand it, they love to hear people visiting trying out the language. THE CD GOES WHEREVER I GO NOW. I have really caught on more than I ever thought I would ((I've always been a zero in learning other languages (I had to drop Spanish or I'd flunk and ruin my GPA (40 years ago)...but now I can say, I'm actually learning!)) Not bad at my age!! I bought used and it was in perfect condition. Thank you, Goodwill!

I used the Penton Overseas LIYC series for French last year, and it was extremely helpful. I was able to have conversations with people we met in France based on what I learned using the CDs. I bought the German version this year in advance of a trip to Germany. The CDs are very helpful to pick up some useful words and phrases, particularly those related to travel and dealing with merchants. I do not have the time or ambition to spend hours in front of my PC trying to learn a language, so the format of this program was optimal for my objective. I spend around an hour and a half in the car each day and using these CDs for a few weeks helped me learn what I needed to know for the trip. I've never spoken a word of German before, and it is definitely a tough language to learn, but this product is a good way to start.

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