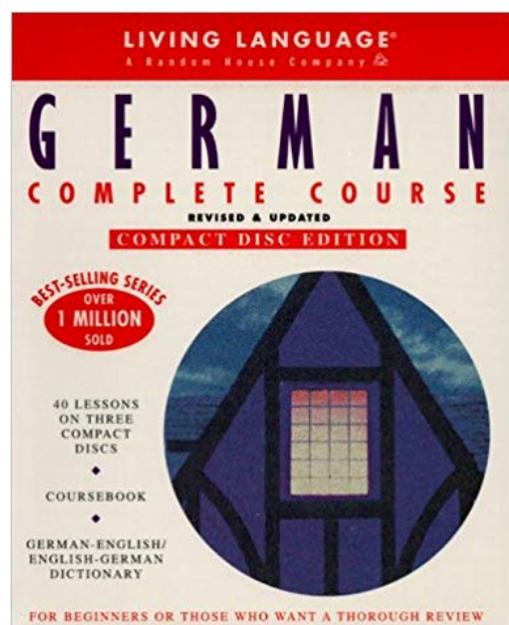


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Better than "Dummies" but could have a few English words to lead into sentences so I don't need to go to manual for vocab I don't remember. Otherwise very helpful.

*Akta*

excellent!

*Malogamand*

great

*Wenyost*

Received the package in perfect condition. No complaints.

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It is a great product and I have enjoyed using it to reinforce and refresh my French and Spanish. The product is accurate, transferred it to iPod for traveling.

*Manesenci*

This set doesn't compare to the Rosetta Stone software available now, but if you find this in a bargain bin somewhere grab it. The CDs really helped learn a bit of German and was more usable than the Rosetta stone is now since I traveled a lot back while using it.

The biggest problem with this course is that it is so boring. The book is just a collection of words and phrases--no dialogs, no pictures, nothing even remotely interesting to add a real-life context to what you are learning. The CDs are merely recordings of what's in the book. Basically, you learn in this course by just listening and repeating, like a parrot, the various words and phrases. And yes, in the long run, that system might "work". But it is completely unenjoyable, dry, and bland. And it gives you no conversation practice, so you'd have trouble actually communicating with German speakers--language is about more than merely memorizing. You need to learn to formulate your own sentences and thoughts, and this course doesn't teach that at all. However, if you would like to practice your pronunciation, then it would be very useful, as the recordings are crystal clear. And it might work well in conjunction with another course to give you extra practice. But don't try to learn German on your own using only this course unless you can sit for hours and be a parrot.

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