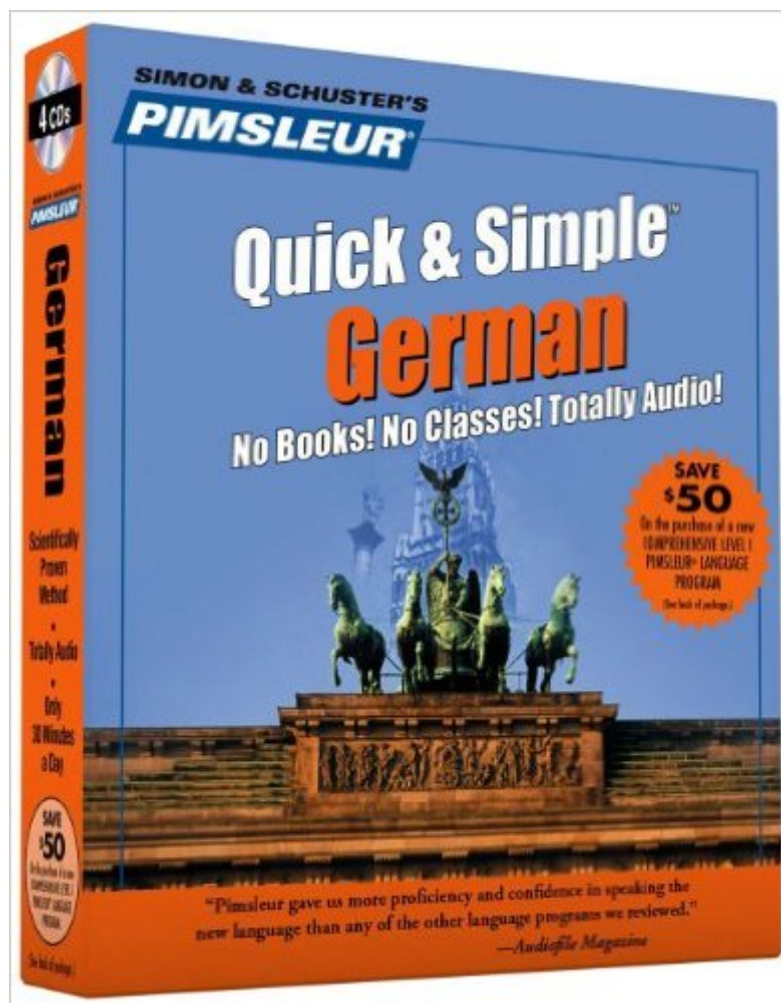


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# Pimsleur German Quick & Simple Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-8 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand German With Pimsleur Language Programs



## Synopsis

The Pimsleur® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. You™ll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-8 from the German Level 1 program - 4 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak German. 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.

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## Customer Reviews

A good intro to the German language. I would have to agree that the first lesson or two may be a tad annoying, but it tries to build on what you already know (yes, American is Amerikaner, but later you learn Deutscher, so you can infer Norwegian is Norweger, someone from Holland is Holländer, etc.). It then takes that and builds upon. Personally, here's my experience. I took two years of German back in high school a long time ago (let's just say it was in the 80s). I actually made it to

Germany for the first time a few months ago, and found my absolute weakest point was my conversational skills. Few of the reviewers here know the stress of actually being in that situation. (Let's even assume you're in Köln and they speak the high German you learned and not some dialect, like Bavarian or Swiss.) Trying to comprehend what someone is saying is the easy part. Trying to convey what you want to say is the hard part. You first have to understand what they're saying, think of a response, form it in German and they speak it, all while the native speaker is standing there waiting for you. It puts you on the spot. Then of course there's stickler things like the very different word order, pronunciation (the speakers on these CDs are "perfekt"), word gender, which preposition to use (which are entirely different from the literally translated English) and of course the many many many German idioms. (For example, the answer to "how goes it" is "It goes to me good".) It's useless to just learn the individual words if you have no idea in a pinch how to form a sentence. That's what these CDs do. If you want to learn vocabulary, grab flash cards. If you want to learn how to actually use the language in conversation, get these CDs.

I hold companies to high standards because I figure it's so easy to have decent customer service these days with the amount of people looking for work. The Pimsleur company falls so short of being polished, savvy, and courteous. I had read that when you order the Quick and Simple you are automatically enrolled in the Rapid Fluency Program which cost about \$250.00. So when I ordered it I looked around for something that said I would be sent products and charged automatically. I didn't see anything so I thought I was in the clear. A month later I was sent an eight disc set of German One with little to no information about the price of it or how to send it back. The invoice said \$0, free trial! Yay a free product! No. Obviously I know companies will do whatever they can to get a dollar. The program is really great but it seems almost criminal to send people products to try (without them asking for it) but they have to send them back to or they'll be charged. Can you imagine if every company did this? I would have to spend a fortune in shipping costs, let alone if I couldn't find an item or two. Another problem I have is I ordered this \$10 product for more than one person. Now they have to send all their free trials back or I'm S.O.L. I called their customer service and they cancelled the next free trials but the first one has already been sent. The customer service rep was not much help, I don't hold her responsible for a shiesty marketing plan but she kept saying if you clicked on more than one hyperlink it would have explained the program to me. Sure Pimsleur would win in court for having wrote their plan somewhere in computer lala land deep down in the seas of computer language, however, **THEY WON'T WIN MY BUSINESS AGAIN.** The customer service rep's supervisor was a little more helpful.

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