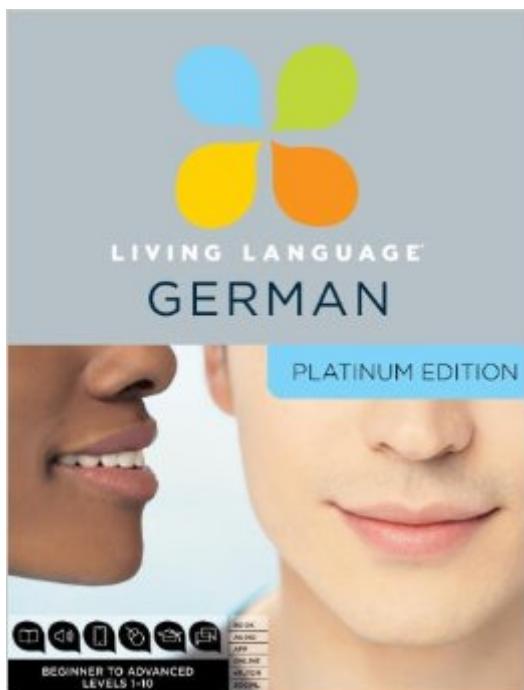


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First off this is a well rounded structure for learning a new language. Most language tools I have tried in the past have been all in one type of media (Software, Book, Audio); this tool is on all of them! The content includes 3 books (not too large, but packed full of content, one for Essentials [Beginning], Intermediate, and Advance). The kit also includes 9 CDs, 3 for each section (Essentials, Intermediate, Advance) -- In case you are interested, Essentials has 3 hours and 24 minutes, Intermediate has 2 hours and 53 minutes, and Advance has 2 hours and 25 minutes (these are estimates from after I ripped the CDs to my computer -- So that I can put them on my iPhone!). Also in the box is an access code for the Living Language website, this is where package shines. The online access code gets you a full online interactive lesson (like language software from other companies), it uses what looks like Flash/Silverlight for interactive content (flashcards, games), as well as the ability to click on the German words and hear them over your computer speakers (FYI, I am using Windows 7 and Google Chrome to view this content). The website also promises an App for iPhone or other smartphone in September of this year. My biggest problem with this package is that it is not well specified that this online code is only good for a year. When I log into my course it says at the bottom: Expires: August 25, 2012; This is a big flaw, since the point of this package is to learn on my terms, assuming my terms are within the year! This is the reason for four stars). It is printed on the box, but not well mentioned online in any product information. I do not know if this affects the App, however, if the App requires a login then it probably will.

I waited a long while after receiving this through Vine before reviewing it, because I wanted to really give it a thorough review from the perspective of someone who'd taken at least half of the lessons. Well, I didn't get halfway through in these five months, since I don't have any upcoming German travel and therefore am really good at procrastinating my lessons. However, I think I learned more than I had with previous lesson plans like Michel Thomas Method' German For Beginners, 10-CD Program (Michel Thomas Series), which I've also purchased and used. The Michael Thomas CDs were great for two long trips to Germany with a native speaker, but I didn't get a good understanding

of the language and felt like I was always memorizing chunks of conversation rather than being able to improvise. This particular lesson package aims to really get you to understand the vocabulary and structure of German, and I did like it a bit more. When you open the (very large) package of books, you get 1) a large envelope of audio CDs (rip them to your hard drive right away, so you can listen on the go), three lesson books (Essential, Intermediate, and Advanced), and a blank, lined book labeled, "Notebook." I thought the Notebook was a stupid addition at first, till I realized I could take notes on items like conjugations, etc (like being in college all over again!) and store them in the box with the other books quite easily. So I approve of the addition of the notebook after all.

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