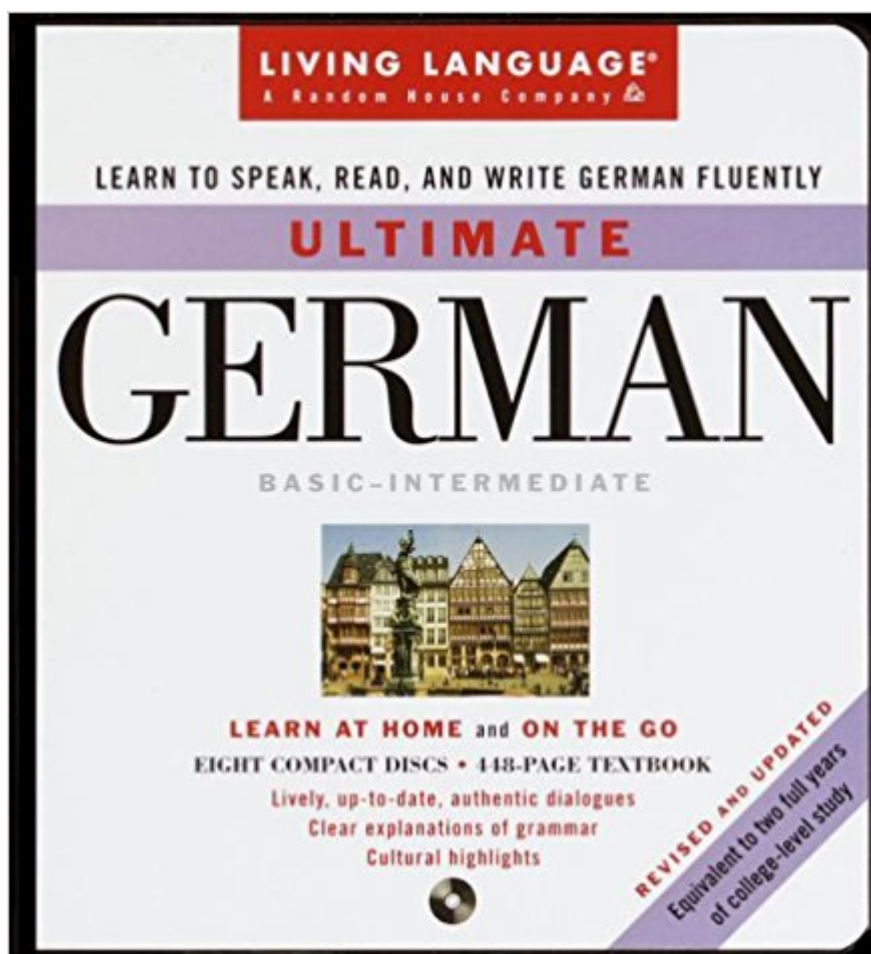


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# Ultimate German: Basic-Intermediate (LL(R) Ultimate Basic-Intermed)



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I am taking German in college, and am in my 2nd semester now. I bought Ultimate German to supplement my college textbook. I agree with some of the other reviewers that the material is very 'bland'; however, for the money, it probably provides the best value. It comes with a set of CD's to use with the book, and another set that you can use w/o the book (ie. in your car). The material in the book, while no frills, appears to be accurate and gets straight to the point. The cultural notes are a nice, but the book could use some color and pictures. I've looked through several other 'inexpensive' german course, and I believe this one to be the best for the money. Sure there are probably better courses out there, but they are very expensive. The college textbook I am using is very good (its called "wie geht's", but the book alone was \$107, and it only comes with a single CD. I would recommend Ultimate German to anyone who wants to learn German. I would recommend picking up some other reading, as you might get bored with only this course.

With a book and total 8 CDs, (4 to study at home and 4 to listen to on the go), you will learn how versatile the German language is. This learning resource makes you understand parts of speech that will get you ahead in using spoken and written German.

I have been studying German in one format or the other since 1993. I have tried many different ways to learn and absorb the language in an environment where I have no exposure to it. I have attended classes both at Berlitz and another school; tried innumerable home study programs including computer-based training and found without a doubt this program to be not only the best designed but the one with the greatest retention capability. Even after a 6-month break from studying I can still recount most of what I learned in many of the chapters I studied. Learning a language is a highly repetitive task and as a result sometimes a difficult and even boring one. However, this is the only course where I have found that "starting over" at times produces the best and most consistent results. The single qualification I would recommend to any one considering purchasing this course whereupon they will be teaching themselves that they gain a familiarity with the basics of the German language with a very simple learning program. This course, and similar such courses as that of the "Foreign Service", begin right with the language. There is no English instruction except for the workbook. As a result one who is not used to some of the nuances of the language may find initial studying more difficult than necessary.

Very good intermediate program

Excellent book for introduction, improvement, review, or reference!

Now, don't let the title of my review fool you. I didn't become fluent with the use of this teach-yourself format alone, but it was a major stepping stone in the learning process. When I first bought this set, I was apprehensive due to the price, however it turned out to be money well spent. The conversation is relatively lively, is similar to what you'd hear in day-to-day interactions with Germans (although colloquial German has a lot of slang), and gives useful explanations. The grammar explanations, cultural notes and exercises were very well constructed. There were very few errors in the book, although I remember one typo that had me extremely confused. After completing this entire set, I showed up to Germany for school. When I first arrived, mostly everything sounded like a blurred jumble of Germanic sounds, except when people spoke to me

very slowly. Germans understood me just fine and that was mainly thanks to this German learning set. Over time, German lost its "foreign" sound and began sounding familiar and within three to four months of constant exposure I understood and spoke German with very little effort, although I was still continually writing down new words and watching shows with German subtitles. After a year living there, most people didn't realize I was a foreigner until I told them. Now, I understand not everybody will spend a year in Germany and get the same level of exposure as I did, however, this was a very strong foundation and enabled me to get around Germany with very little problems. When people spoke too quickly I asked them to slow down, when I didn't know how to express something, I tried my best, and usually after some laughter and awkward moments, the German person would correct me and I'd learn something new. My advice to you is to use this system as it should be used, in addition I advise you to read German newspapers online (which are in pretty plain German and easy to understand) and books as well. Also, watching German movies with German subtitles can be useful as well. Even though you won't understand everything immediately, this will give you a familiarity with German words and sentence structure and you probably will understand many words from context alone, this is very useful to learners. When I learned German, there was no such thing as Google Translate, so I did everything the old fashioned way with a dictionary, use this resource to your advantage. I wish you luck on your journey to learning a new foreign language!

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