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Mastering German: With 15 Compact Discs



Synopsis

These intensive programs are complete language immersion courses, and were created by the federal agency that trains U.S. government personnel in foreign language proficiency. They start with grammar and vocabulary basics, then bring students to proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening comprehension. This program contains a grammar textbook plus fifteen compact discs.

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Customer Reviews

This represented my first foray into learning a foreign language, which I used first twelve years ago, then as a refresher seven years ago before I was stationed in Germany. Ah, where to begin? This method of learning a language is one of those very low tech/ high concept systems that simply will get you to where you want to be, IT IS NOT FUN, colorful, user-friendly, modern, technologically advanced, up to date like any of the programs coming out to day, but sadly this antiquated relic from the cold war still works better, faster, retains longer (way, way longer), then any of those systems like Rosetta Stone. The crux of this program is simple they give a series of about a hundred a fifty words, in mini-dialogues then a quick note or two on grammar, some pronunciation practice and drills. The drills being the meat of this program, are excruciatingly painful at times but they work, still better then ANY other method for time and consistency. How well do they work? Before i used this program as a refresher, I could hold a 20 minute conversation without English word dropping, or being at a loss for words, this was FIVE YEARS after going through it the first time. I then went through it again so I could be fresh when I got to Germany. Upon my arrival I didn't experience any

of the language issues my friends and colleagues had, over the two years I lived in Germany, I used the skills I had learned from ONLY this program to do things like talk to paramedics when my friend had alcohol poisoning, talk to the police when we got in a car accident, to making friends and socializing, and of course all the touristy things like ordering food shopping etc. I never had any issues.

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