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In-Flight German: Learn Before You Land



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

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I've bought other languages in the "In-Flight" series before. This one is a bit dated. It does refer to currency prior to Euro. Other than that, the basics are there and you can still pick up some thing. Not enough German is learned for a lengthy conversation, but that wasn't what I was going for when I bought this.

This language CD is a good refresher for those that know a little of the language. It is certainly not realistic to absorb this information on the flight. You will need to listen to it for at least a couple weeks before your trip. I would have liked to see them repeat the phrases a couple of times, but it's nice to hear the phrases in the native language.

Its exact what i wanted

This product includes a very brief guide with basic words and phrases in German, and includes a CD. And when I say brief, I mean brief. Although it costs about the same as other phrase book + CD series (such as Berlitz's), it does not come even close to them in the scope of content. Not that the Berlitz series are all-exhausting, but this is pretty brief. If it's intended for an in-flight learning, they probably mean a flight from Austria to Germany.... There are a total of 18 lessons, but each lesson is about 2 minutes worth of CD time. That includes both the English explanation of the word or phrase, which is then once pronounced in German. It's useful, but not worth the price as it hardly covers anything.

I used this program in 3 different languages and it helped me immensely. I do recommend listening to it as soon as you can, not just on the flight, because it is a lot to absorb in 60 minutes but all the basics are there. Get some practice before your flight and it will work GREAT! This was my comment to tsar@indianalliance.com about his spamming review of this product and others: Let me get this straight, you didn't like the 60 minute version of a language learning track for people that just want to learn the basics for \$11.86... so you recommend to everyone Pimsleur's German I thru III?! THOSE THINGS ARE 15 HOURS EACH FOR A TOTAL OF 45 HOURS AND COST \$700!!!! Because you didn't learn an entire language in 60 minutes for \$11.89, everyone else should run out and buy a 45hr long program for \$700? Also, if anyone checks your reviews, you give the IDENTICAL terrible review for several language programs and give stellar reviews for Pimsleurs. Hmmm, seems like someone is spamming.

I bought this CD before I moved to Germany because I was desperate to learn the language before I arrived. I agree that unless you have a knack for learning languages quickly and have a super-sponge brain, you are not going to learn the whole course during your flight. However, if you make an attempt to learn and give yourself some time, this series will prove to be very useful. The German that you learn is VERY formal, so you may not know what they are saying when they respond, but overall, you can make yourself understood. This CD was what really got me going in Germany, and I give it 5 stars for anyone who is going to Germany for a quick visit, or someone who just wants to learn the basics.

The blurb on the back of the package claims that if you work on this programme during your flight, you will learn enough of the language to get by. Unless Berlin has been moved to the surface of Mars, you will certainly not be able to absorb enough of this 60-minute course to even nearly get by. This is a CD "update" to Fast & Easy German (also by Living Language). In-Flight German boasts over 400 essential words & phrases (a 100 word increase from Fast & Easy). Less is sometimes better. Each phrase on In-Flight is only spoken once (rather than twice as on the Fast & Easy series), not enough if you want to gauge your progress. The native speakers are for the most part speaking clearly, but WAY too fast. It comes with a "boarding pass" (booklet with the entire script). If you are already familiar with the language, the In-Flight series might actually get you up to speed in between the in-flight movie & the meal (soda pop & peanuts). If you are trying to learn German, try Pimsleur's German I thru III ([cost more] but effective). Pimsleur German has 30 lessons in each unit, and will get you SPEAKING (the course is audio only) straight away. Pimsleur is by far the best course available. German with Michel Thomas is an all-audio (8 CD's, no book) course that gets VERY good results. Michel Thomas walks listeners through exercises that will gently guide you into the German language. Like Pimsleur, the Thomas method is time consuming. If you are short on time and need a "survival" course, get Language/30 German (by Educational Services Corp). Language/30 comes with 2 tapes and a booklet. If Fast & Easy German is still available, it is better than In-Flight German. The truly serious language learner will be wise to go through all 3 Pimsleur courses, then Michel Thomas, and finish up with Living Language Ultimate German Level I & II. The In-Flight series is an example of products with great marketing and poor quality that never gets off the runway.

When I walked into the bookstore to buy an audio tape, I was sold over by the Living Language In-flights. They're perfectly painless and great for a quick and easy overview of the most useful

expressions and vocabulary. I used it almost everyday for a month or two while driving and when I went to Germany to visit a friend, I was actually able to make myself be understood! It's a really good way to get started on learning a new language.

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