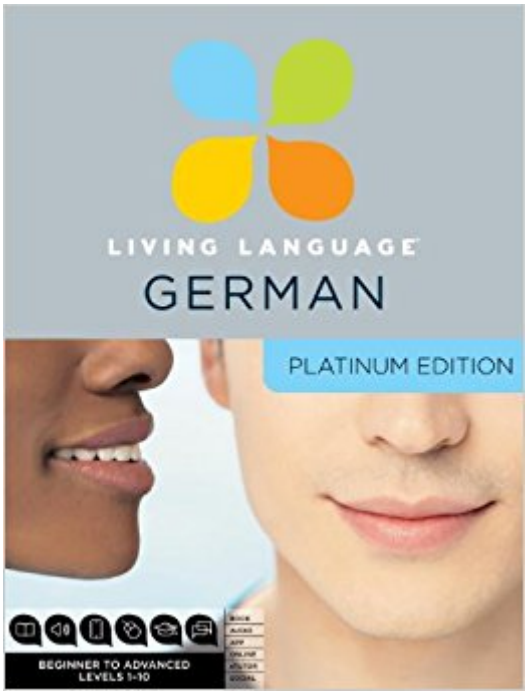
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Excellent

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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 likeÃ Â 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.The books themselves are a nice cross between the workbooks we all remember from secondary/post-secondary school and traditional textbooks Seems like the kids I tutor and babysit all have work/textbooks like this nowadays anyway, so it seems modern to have something without a separate hardbound textbook that you just end up writing in.Lastly, you get the most important item of all: the code for your online membership to the Living Language site. Take note that you should include the dashes when you type it in - I faithfully typed it in three times, only to get a generic "error" message, so you do need those dashes. As another reviewer noted, the code gives you lifetime (of the device) access to the iPad premium app, the iPhone premium app, and one year's access to the website (seems cheap to me that they don't just give you a year's access, and I can't tell yet if I can buy tutoring separately the next year).The iPhone is, I think, too small of a screen even on the 4GS to really get much benefit out of the app's features, so I haven't gotten

much use out of that. However the iPad app is AWESOME and is basically the exact same thing as the website. In fact, having gone through many of the lessons simultaneously on both, the only difference I can find is that some of the letters unique to German (double s, etc) are not properly rendered on the iPad. No biggie, because the app is so nice. If you're considering getting this program, have an iPad, and don't need the addition of a text/workbook to the lesson plan, I strongly recommend you check out the iPad app for about one fourth of the price. It includes all of the games, flash cards, and other great things about the lessons but does NOT include audio files or (obviously) the book. For me, the books were really helpful, but I could have gone for the cheaper option if it wasn't a Vine selection.A couple of other things that particularly stood out with this system, versus others:- Versions of common greetings, sayings, and phrases based on different areas of the German-speaking world are included in the lessons of this book. Remember that Germany is a big conglomeration of lots of different ancient fiefdoms, so some words (especially greetings) are different. I appreciate that this is reflected in the vocabulary lessons, especially in the "Essential" book. Only complaint is that they go for a relatively Southern German accent (so for the German word for I, the voice on the audio and website uses "ichkk/eek" instead of "icsh/eesh," giving the voice lots of that guttural German sound you hear around Mainz instead of the relatively softer, almost French-like sound of accents in Northern areas like Hamburg). This is just a preference thing based on where you're traveling and what kind of German your friends/colleagues/clients are used to hearing, but I will say that people with the two different accents do, at times, have a hard time understanding one another (think the difference between a New England accent and a Kentucky drawl). So form your accent wisely and then tackle this language course with that understanding, especially since you can bet just about all of the people you meet in Germany will have something to say (one way or the other) about the accent you choose to adopt. I find the "icsh" sound is a lot easier for me, as a native English speaker, to adopt and form in my mouth, but you might think differently and should make your own decision on that front.- The book IS really helpful. I'm not the kind of person that can really learn from one particular method, and being in my 30s, it's hard to learn and relearn a language, even having traveled in German countries. So the book is a nice way to keep going back to the same lessons over and over, and to train my brain in different ways. For example, lessons often have a section on phonetics, a section on the vocab matching, a section on proper social manners in conversation about the topic at hand, and then games like "fill in the blank: Good Morning ____Guten Morgen__") as well as word searches. All of these things were really helpful for me.I'm not sure I'd have plunked down the money for this complete version, given that the fourth-of-the-price iPad app is out there.

However, considering all that comes with this set (three books, notebook, audio cd's, iPad and iPhone lifetime upgraded membership, free tutoring), this is a great deal. I highly recommend it to someone going on a trip or trying to learn German for any reason.

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