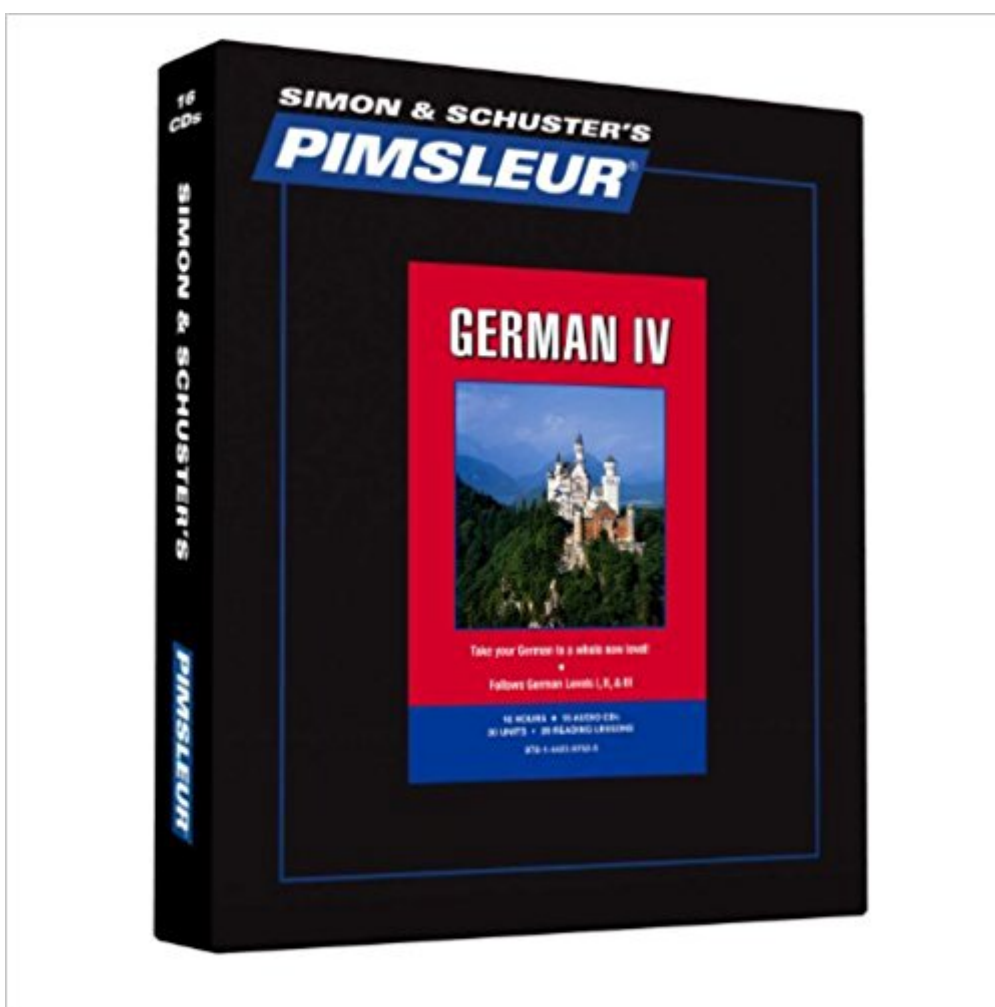


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# Pimsleur German Level 4 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand German With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive) (English And German Edition)





## Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn German Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning German will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try.

**Why Pimsleur?**

- Quick + Easy - Only 30 minutes a day.
- Portable + Flexible - Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life.
- Proven Method - Works when other methods fail.
- Self-Paced - Go fast or go slow - it's up to you.
- Based in Science - Developed using proven research on memory and learning.
- Cost-effective - Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers.
- Genius - Triggers your brain's natural aptitude to learn.
- Works for everyone - Recommended for ages 13 and above.

**What's Included?**

- 30, 30-minute audio lessons - 60 minutes of reading instruction to provide you practice reading German - in total, over 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers
- a Reading Booklet and User's Guide

**What You'll Learn Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur's German Levels 1-3. You'll be speaking and understanding German with near-fluency and with a broad range of conversational skills. In Level 4 the pace and conversation moves more rapidly, accelerating exposure to new vocabulary and structures, and approaching native speed and comprehension. You'll learn to speak about your professional and personal life, needs, likes and dislikes, and to create complex sentences discussing the past, present, future, conditional, and subjunctive. Topics include:**

- Business: attending trade fairs; meeting with colleagues; discussing professions, products, and customers' concerns; making or asking for suggestions.
- Personal: discussing where and when you met someone, divorce, German heritage; using the informal form to address several people; talking about family members including distant cousins and in-laws; losing a personal item; talking about getting a driver's license, having a broken item repaired.
- Traveling and sight-seeing: talking about jet lag, discussing types of train transportation, buying tickets, visiting wineries and wine festivals, seeing restored old cities or buildings, traveling to the coast or mountains, renting an apartment, making restaurant reservations, registering at a hotel, discussing hotel amenities and features such as an elevator, a breakfast buffet, fitness room, non-smoking

room, internet access. - Shopping: purchasing items, trying on clothing, describing purchases, colors, sizes; asking for a bag or a receipt; discussing change for a large bill. - Activities: Reading, hiking, watching a show on television or online, taking long walks on the beach, talking about a good film. - Health related: feeling ill (cold, headache, sore throat), discussing allergies, breaking an ankle or wrist; going to an emergency pharmacy or the emergency room of a hospital, and dealing with medical emergencies, saying that someone looks tired or looks good, asking about the health of various family members. - Environment: recycling, green-related. - Weather: describing humid, hot weather, heat waves, cool, chilly, or rainy weather. - German culture: Reunification, how to broach the subject of speaking informally, restaurant etiquette, having the traditional coffee and cake. After Lesson 30, a short story broken down into 20 manageable segments (over one hour) is provided for practice reading German.

**The Pimsleur Method** We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his "secrets":

- The Principle of Anticipation** In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind.
- Core Vocabulary** Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We don't overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson.
- Graduated Interval Recall** Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory.
- Organic Learning** You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture.
- Learning in Context** Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success.
- Active Participation** The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English.

**The German Language** German is the official language of Germany and Austria and is one of the official languages of Switzerland. It is also an official language in Belgium, Lichtenstein, and Luxembourg. Nearly 100 million people speak German as their first language: about 77 million in Germany, 8 million in Austria, and 4.5 million in Switzerland.

**Tech Talk** - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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## Customer Reviews

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

This Level 4 is excellent. Probably better than any of the first 3.

I have ordered materials in several languages from this vendor over the years and have never had a problem. The items were inevitably well packaged and were on all occasions shipped promptly. The product, Pimsleur, embodies an effective way to get up to speed quickly on a language, and the recently added fourth levels for German and French were no doubt welcomed by language students.

Easy to listen to in the car, and it really helps refresh my knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. I am using it more as an adjunct to other learning methods, like classes, podcasts and textbooks, but it is quite helpful.

Learning German for fun over the last two years as I drive to work. Cant get easier.

It's good, clearly spoken German. Not rushed thru as some other systems are. Just the right speed.Thanks.

Good Product, Great Price, and arrived within a few days.

This product seems to be of the same high quality as Pimsleur German I, II, and III which I have used. There are quite a few language products on the market, and if you want to be able to read, write, speak and understand the necessary words, sentences and phrases required to be able to have some conversational skills, as opposed to simply being able to parrot a few useful phrases such as "where is the toilet", I believe that Pimsleur is the only way to go, but be aware that the marketing nonsense that companies put out for example just listen to a new lesson each day is pure nonsense. If you really want to be able to converse in a foreign language be prepared to study for several years in order to be able to absorb the necessary vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling, word recognition, and pronunciation. In addition, the words and their usage that you don't learn in each lesson will surely be needed in a future lesson, so try to master each lesson as well as you can before moving on.Everyone learns somewhat differently and I have learned from experience that I have to transcribe the statements in each lesson and create flash cards with german on one side and english on the other side in order to efficiently focus my time and mental energy on difficulties that I have instead of just listening to an entire lesson over and over.Lastly I want to say that I find that the convenience of having CD's and a small portable CD player is in my opinion far superior to language learning approaches that require a computer and Internet connection in order to cover a lesson, but an Internet connection and an on line german-english dictionary or translation program does come in handy when trying to determine how a foreign language word is spelled.

A couple of years ago I began learning German listening to Pimsleur German I, II and III. Then I took some community classes, and read some books on German. Pimsleur came out with German IV, which I have just finished.Pimsleur audio courses are, for me, the most effective way to learn German. With Pimsleur you will learn to speak German the way that children learn, by actually speaking German. You will go over things, over and over and over. You will use the words in every imaginable combination. There is no getting around it, German will be drummed into you. And you

will like it! I also agree with the other reviewers that German takes a long time to learn. I suggest that you approach German using a variety of resources, I recommend reading Ed Swick's "The Everything Learning German". But the absolute best book I've found is, "German: How to Speak it and Write It". If you're comfortable with the basics, I highly recommend reading Andre Kleins books. If you are new to German, don't over do it and rush. We start in baby steps before running. Try to understand the meaning of most of the words before going further..

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