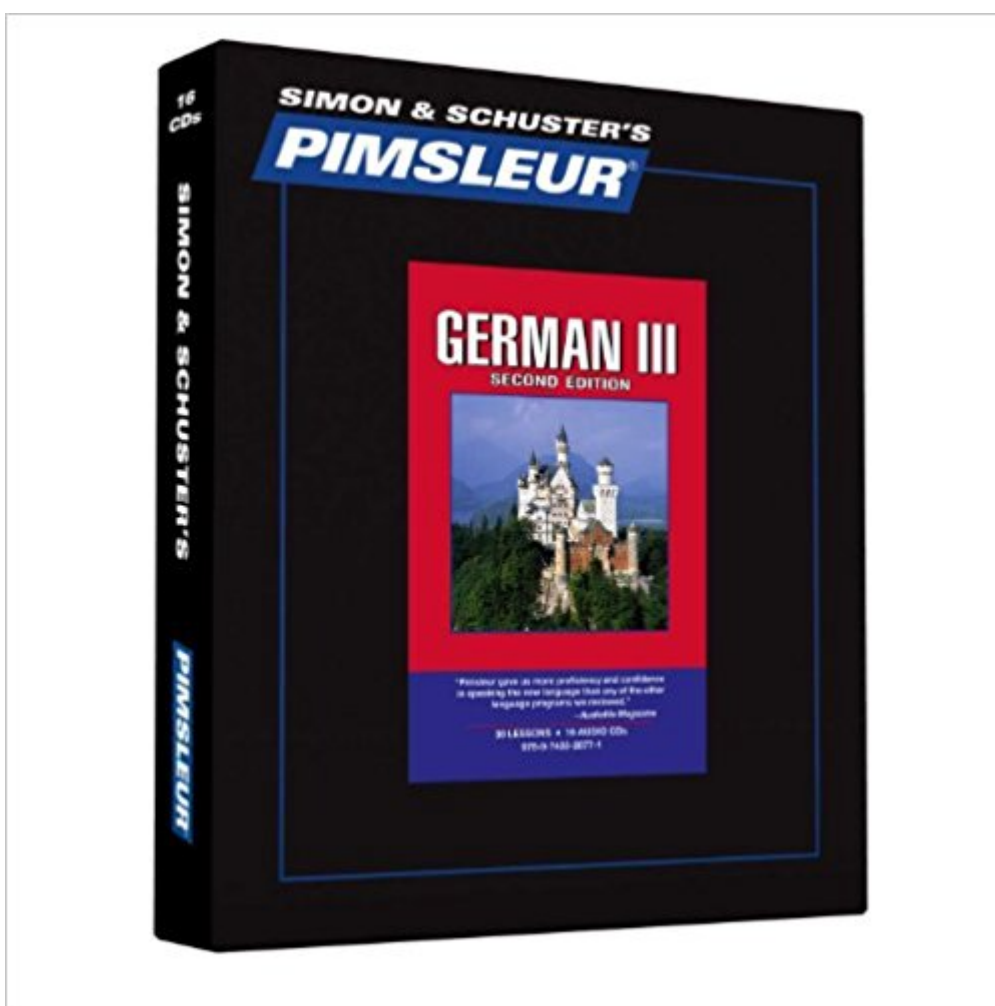


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# Pimsleur German Level 3 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand German With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)



## 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, 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 and 2.** In the first 10 lessons, you will expand your vocabulary and increase your fluency to an even higher level. You'll gain experience participating in many informal and some formal discussions on practical, social, and semiprofessional topics. You'll skillfully form longer, more complex sentences, and most importantly, you'll find yourself being understood, even by native speakers unused to dealing with foreigners. You'll be able to join in conversations eagerly, confident of being understood. In the next 10 lessons, your skills will demonstrate ever-increasing mastery of German. Speaking with grace and complete naturalness, you'll enjoy fluid conversations on many new subjects. Delving deeper into cultural norms and situations, you'll find yourself responding effortlessly, and able to choose from a wide accumulation of vocabulary and structures. In the final 10 lessons, you're nearing fluency with agile responses, and a natural sounding, near-native accent. You're able to utilize the language in subtle ways, and speak using past, present, and future tenses. Self-confidence soars as you no longer experience the language and culture as a foreigner, but as someone with a deepening insight into the German-speaking world. Reading Lessons are included at the end of Lesson 30. These lessons,

which total about one hour, are designed to give you practice reading German, to provide vocabulary and improve pronunciation. Before you know it, you'll be reading German with the ease and flexibility of a native speaker. 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.

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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.

I am still using it and it has been that nothing is as good as the type of experience within learning. The Pimsleur Program proves superior than others in contrast. The only thing better than that from what I have found is immersion learning.

Ich lerne gut deutsch mit diese Pimsleur course!

This is my third Pimsleur Audio course and I think it has really helped my understanding of German and certainly my pronunciation of German words. I highly recommend!

The product is good and easy to learn.

All as advertised. Well done.

SPRECHEN SIE GERMAN? BEST LEARNING TOOL OUT THERE! I have tried everything, and this is by far my favorites. A must have to learn German!

I ordered this product according to my son's Xmas list. He already has German I and German II by Pimsleur and loves the program.

UPDATE May 2011: Recently, Simon and Schuster has updated their Pimsleur German III course, so much of my constructive criticism found below is no longer valid. I will leave that original review intact for those who may stumble upon the older edition of this course, which is what you may find if you obtain a used copy or check out Pimsleur German III from your local library. As for the new edition, I am seriously impressed. This goes much further than the previous edition. Even after years of speaking German, I obtained this new edition and went through all the lessons, and the differences were astounding. The older edition was honestly not challenging enough, but this new one is quite challenging, and the language learned is extremely beneficial. About 75% of the content of the older course is present here, and the other 25% is brand new. Another nice "upgrade" to this course is its variation and nuance in its use of interval recall. You could almost sense the exact outline of the lessons in the older edition, whereas this edition keeps you on your proverbial toes. I would like to suggest to anyone that wishes to learn German to use the Pimsleur method. If you know no German and use the Pimsleur courses exactly as suggested, i.e. master 80% of one lesson every single day, the amount of German you can learn in 100 short days is truly remarkable. I am therefore changing my rating from 4 stars to 5 stars. Below is my review of the older edition.-----I've

raved for years about how much I love Pimsleur language courses. I truly believe they are the best way for a new learner of a foreign language to speak and understand the spoken word, traditionally the weakest abilities among American language students. The method used in Pimsleur allows a learner to be able to achieve a more "fluent" feeling when conversing, at least for the vocabulary covered in the courses, because one's recall is trained to work much faster than if one had to think out a translation. Those who sell Rosetta Stone like to point out that Pimsleur is an all-audio course and therefore does not teach you how to read and write. This is true, but in my humble opinion, the level of speaking and listening one can attain through Pimsleur makes it worth the money, even alongside whatever other resources a learner wishes to use. As far as weaknesses go, Pimsleur German III is the weakest of the German offerings, and therefore I give it 4 stars instead of 5. The German I, II, and Plus courses were all produced during this decade with the intent of being distributed on CD or other digital means. Conversely, German III was recorded in the 1990s, and very obviously there was some sort of tape-to-digital transfer in order to make the CDs, and the audio quality is therefore quite mediocre in comparison. Some of the speakers (specifically the female German speaker and the German-speaking "teacher") do not speak nearly as clearly as their counterparts on the other courses. And because these lessons are from an older edition than the

other courses, there are some continuity issues with phrases that hadn't been learned yet in German II being presented as if they had, as well as phrases that were already taught in German II but are presented here as if they are new. I think German II and German Plus contain the largest amounts of vocabulary, and the use of interval recall isn't as nuanced and mature in German III. Obviously, all of those problems would be resolved with the production of an updated edition of German III, and I truly hope one is currently in the works, if one isn't already available. However, even with this older edition, learning still happens rapidly and easily.

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