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GERMAN IN REVIEW, a complete grammar of the German language, is a highly regarded program offering both innovative online activities and timeless skill-building exercises for classroom use.

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Customer Reviews

Text: English, German --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I own the FIRST EDITION (published 1967) which I used in a fifth semester college German course in 1976. It is not designed for beginning students, but for those at intermediate or higher levels, the book provides a most concise and systematic review of German grammar. I generally leaf through it on the plane to Germany each time I visit, and it really jogs my memory and helps me grammatically for the first few days of linguistic adjustment. Unfortunately, the thirty-four year old binding is falling apart, after being packed too many times on trips to Germany. I just ordered the 2003 (fourth?) edition so that I can review with up to date expressions and "die neue Rechtschreibung". Knowing what a success the first edition was, I know that the current edition will be very helpful. Post-order note 8/22/2010: After receiving the book from , I learned that each chapter is divided into three sections of difficulty: beginner, intermediate, advanced. So presumably it can be used by second or third semester students as well. I used it in a fifth semester course in college and the book was wonderful, but was only a good "fit" for students at perhaps fourth semester level or above. The division of the chapters into experience levels will hopefully lend itself to use by students with less

experience. However, as the title implies, this is a REVIEW of German grammar and does not take the place of a textbook for beginning students. My grammar books from first and second year were not this concise or organized, and I wish that a lower-level version of Sparks and Vail had been available to me in second through fourth semesters of college German. This new edition also reflects the spelling reforms (Rechtschreibung) that were adopted in the late 1990s and which are now the "official" form of German, though many publications and individuals choose to ignore the changes. Entities such as the College Board (i.e. the AP German Language exam) now accept only the new Rechtschreibung spellings as correct.

I owned this book along with the "Der Weg Zum Lesen" back in 1970 when it cost a lot less. They were necessary texts for my college German classes. Recently I decided to pick up again with my German language studies and could not find this text in my personal library. So, I had to repurchase it. This text is worth owning and holding on to if you can find it. It provides an excellent foundation in grammar and usage. I recommend this text to anyone looking to learn or refresh their german language skills.

Ich habe viel von der deutschen Sprache gelernt mit BÄfÄ chern wie dieses, und niemals werde ich aufhÄfÄren, zu lernen. Dieses Buch ist sehr gut prÄfÄsentiert, nÄfÄ tzliche Zusammenfassungen am Ende jeder Lektion, und eine sehr klare Glossar, wo man finden kann, alles was man braucht. ÄfÄ“berprÄfÄ fen Sie Ihre Deutsch mit diesem Buch!! I have learned German studying books like this one, and I will stop learning new things. The book is very well presented, useful summaries at the end of each unit, and a very clear glossary all that to help the learners. Review your German with this book!!

This 2nd edition is a great deal! Not quite different than the 4th edition except missing some "contemporary" footnotes. But the tables and some important notes are in green, which makes it more visually stimulated than the black-and-white 4th edition. Love it!

Great book

Great book, great condition, for a very low price. Thanks!

Older book but it contains great practice exercises for people who want to learn german

I lived in Germany for two years, and every morning I spent 30 minutes studying out of this book. After about a year I felt comfortable enough with my German to start learning a third language. I tutor German at the university now. One of the main concerns my students have is that they just need more practice. The textbook their class uses provides very few exercises (almost none), so I started bringing to our tutoring sessions my old "German in Review" which provides MANY exercises for each lesson. I also soon found that this book was great at explaining concepts with which my students struggle, so we'll often read an entire lesson together in this book.

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