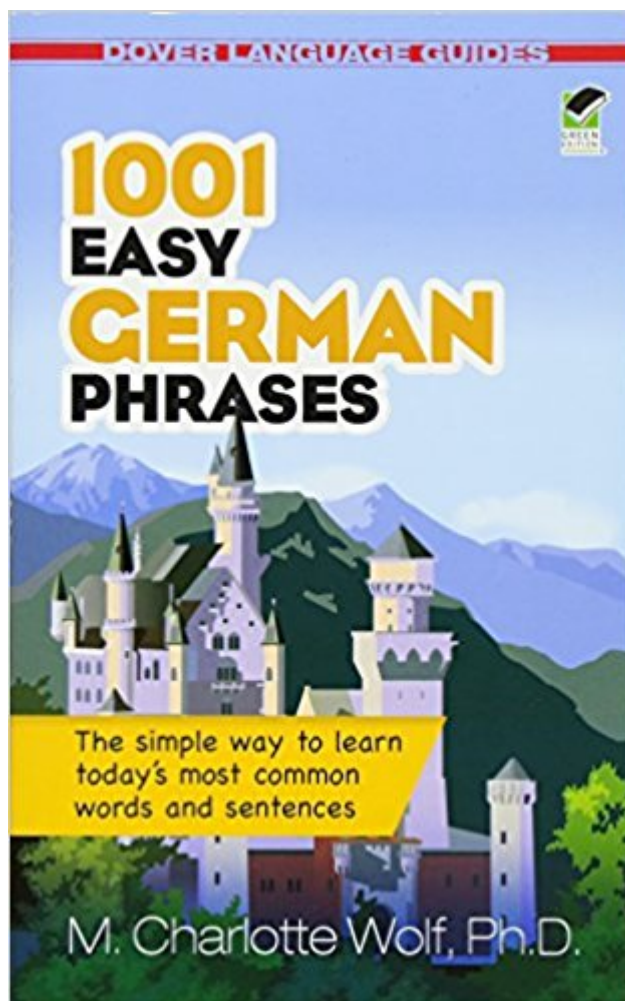




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The perfect companion for tourists and business travelers in Germany and other places where the German language is spoken, this book offers fast, effective communication. More than 1,000 basic words, phrases, and sentences cover everything from asking directions and renting a car to ordering dinner and finding a bank. Designed as a quick reference tool and an easy study guide, this inexpensive and easy-to-use book offers completely up-to-date terms for modern telecommunications, idioms, and slang. The contents are arranged for speedy access to phrases related to greetings, transportation, shopping, services, medical and emergency situations, and other essential items. A handy phonetic pronunciation guide accompanies each phrase.

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Customer Reviews

My son and his family live in Austria, so I have a real incentive to learn and use German. I've been learning German with the aid of the Pimsleur CD-based course (recommended by the way) and had reached the point where I was more confident about including more phrases into what I had learned while traveling. I was very disappointed in the Rick Steves book, so, I determined I would check out ALL the phrase books in the Houston Library before buying another. Of the three others I looked at, this book was the only one I felt had really useful phrases, especially for the traveler. In the moment, how many of us have time to dig out a booklet, look up a phrase then use it? I feel Professor Wolf's booklet helps a traveler learn the phrase by putting it into context better than the others. I could also integrate the phrases more easily into what I had already learned with Pimsleur. Recommended.

I purchased both the Dover Phrase book and the Dover Most Useful German Words book. The pronunciation guides contradict one another! For instance the Phrase book pronounces "E" like "ay" but the Word book pronounces "E" like the "eh" in "yesterday." I like the way the Phrase book is divided into categories, such as Greetings, Travel and Money. I also like the way the pronunciation is given after every phrase. One thing I would change is the format. The German phrase is given in italics after the English phrase, followed by the pronunciation in bold. I would have preferred the German phrase to be bold and the pronunciation in italics. To me, it seems distracting in the current format. The emphasis should be on the German phrase itself. A minor detail which may not bother other readers. Overall, a very good phrase book.

This small book is exactly what I wanted. It is not a complete German course, just a handbook of common words and sentences. Each chapter offers words and short sentences on a specific topic - food, lodging, trains, shopping, health, etc. Below each sentence is a phonetic pronunciation making it easy to speak the phrase. I appreciate the appendix which explains typical sentence structure - it will help me make less of a fool of myself. Most entertaining were the pages of idioms, slang and proverbs! Its small 5 x 8 (approx) size will make it convenient to throw into my daybag while traveling. The problem however with all of these kinds of books is that they help you ask a question, but not how to understand the answer. This book would have been a perfect addition to the adult education class I was planning to take. Alas, not enough people signed up so I'll have to blunder through my trip with this book and my language class from 44 years ago!

This is a great phrase book and it includes the phonetic pronunciation of every word in each phrase which is tremendously helpful. Few students of German have mastered the pronunciation of the German alphabet with all its various rules. So having the phonetic pronunciation is critical to learning how to properly pronounce the words of the phrases in addition to learning their meaning.

I just started studying German a couple of weeks ago using the Pimsleur CD system. I have been using this book for only a few days. This book has excellent representations of not only the sounds used in German, but also how to accent words and phrases. This book has plenty of useful and usable phrases to expand vocabulary and build confidence. The organization makes finding what you want very easy without overwhelming the student. I was very pleasantly surprised at how up-to-date the book is. By using this book along with the Pimsleur system my ability to start to think

in German really took off. It is hard to learn using only a book, but once the pronunciation is gained from the Pimsleur system, this really helps to accelerate the learning curve. The format is larger than pocket phrase books, but that makes it easier to read and more relaxing and comfortable to use. The phrases are easy to find and use because they are not crammed together.

I had German in high school, many years ago. I was headed to a week in Berlin and I thought - let's see what it can do. I had less time using the Phrase book than I'd have liked but I was able to communicate pretty well, considering. I even was thinking in German a little by trip's end.

I did some research on decent travel language help. I'm going to Germany and need a good travel guide to help out other than my phone. This explains things so well also has the phonetic pronunciations.

Bought this as a gift for family traveling to Germany & Austria. It covers quite a bit of material, but sticks to the basic words/phrases you will need for a short trip for the most part. I would recommend that you, of course, read this and practice well before your trip as well as utilize Google Translate for additional phrases you might need. Maybe attach a little notebook to this and write some of those down.

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