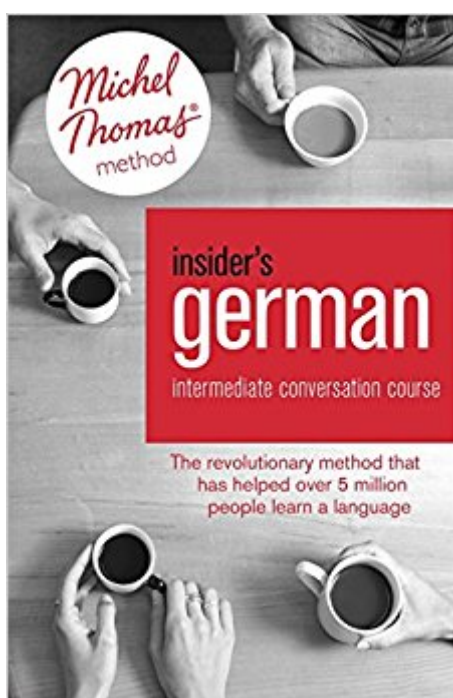


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# Insider's German Intermediate Conversation Course (Learn German With The Michel Thomas Method): Book, Audio And Interactive Practice



## Synopsis

Do you want to be able to express yourself in German with confidence and fluency? The Insider's German course includes a 100+ page book, MP3 audio CD-ROM, and interactive review and practice on CD-ROM; and offers a local perspective on German culture, opinions and language use so that you can speak confidently on today's most important and relevant topics. This intermediate German conversation course, devised for all intermediate-level learners or those following on from Total or Perfect German, will advance your overall fluency, listening comprehension and conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and improve your grammar. Through authentic, lively conversations around engaging topics, and the unique Michel Thomas Method for learning, this course focuses on the colloquial language and conversation strategies used by native German speakers so that you can fit in and communicate more naturally. Michel Thomas, the preeminent language teacher, always said that learners start by mastering basic linguist structures (as in his Total and Perfect courses), which provide the bare walls of the house, but that it was up to us, the learner, to decorate it in our own personal way. Insider's German reflects Michel Thomas's 'Phase 2' courses that he and his team offered at his New York language school, allowing increased vocabulary, improved speaking, comprehension and reading and writing skills - the tools with which to decorate their houses. Insider's German includes:- Twenty authentic conversations around a comprehensive range of subjects that reflect contemporary German culture- Language plus: conversation strategies, pronunciation and intonation to help learners express themselves naturally- Listening and speaking practice to help learners progress to the next level- Cultural insights into the unspoken rules of the language

Why is the Michel Thomas Method so successful? The Michel Thomas Method draws on the principles of instructional psychology. Knowledge is structured and organised for the student so that you assimilate the language easily and don't forget it. The method deconstructs the language into building blocks that are introduced sequentially in such a way that the learner creates his/her response and moves on to ever-more-complex sentences. Michel said: I will dissect everything into small parts and reassemble it in such a way that one will understand everything step by step. He was also very clear about his ground rules: no memorisation, no drills, no homework; relax and leave off the anxiety normally associated with language learning

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## Customer Reviews

Marion O'Dowd grew up in a bilingual home, the daughter of a Viennese lawyer and a Polish-born mother. She studied German at the University of Bristol and then went on to do an MA in German and Theatre. She has been teaching German and Drama for many years, more recently enthusiastically embracing and incorporating Michel Thomas techniques. She is also the author of the Michel Thomas Method German Vocabulary Builder +.

Highly recommended! I hope to see this material available for additional Michel Thomas languages.

Note: This review was first published on UK and is a review of a free product supplied via the UK Vine Voices scheme. First and foremost, this is not a set for novice speakers of the language. If you are wanting to learn German from scratch you will need to undertake a suitable beginner's German course before undertaking this. I tackled it as someone who never learned a word of German from a textbook, but learned it from watching TV programmes, speaking to my German friends and interacting with members of the local communities I lived amongst during my time in Germany. I lived in Westfalen and Niedersachsen, where the German was clear and easily understood, but I also lived in Nordrhein, where the speech patterns tended to be quite slurred with some Dutch influence, maybe. The German used here is very standard, like that I used in Westfalen's Sauerland. For those who want to refresh skills learned amongst natives, this course is ideal as it teaches and refreshes colloquial language and idiom. For those who never gained idiomatic skills and have only learned their German in textbooks and language labs, this book is also ideal as it has the content to change competence in grammar into true fluency. The natural conversations that take place within the book and on the accompanying mp3 brought so much back to me, words I had quite forgotten I knew

popped back in to memory right from the first conversation - 'strahlend' from weather forecasts on the TV for example, meaning glorious and bright. The voices are very clear but the dialogue still sounds reasonably natural too with appropriate inflexions. The 'tutor' on the audio CDs gives you questions beforehand that make you listen to the content to check your own understanding, which is very helpful. This is a very natural way to learn, having the text to read through and the translations on the CD content really reinforces the learning for those who learn from reading as well as speaking and listening. Installation of the files from the two CDs in the pack is relatively straightforward if you have a Windows CD. It all takes about 20 minutes on a basic PC or laptop - mine runs Windows 10. Just follow the on screen prompts and you should have no issues. Summary: This is not a course for beginners but is a great way of bringing good school or college German up to the level of a reasonably competent natural speaker.

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