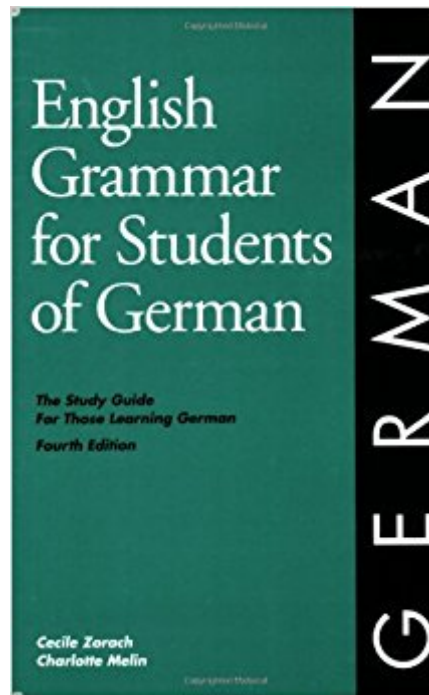




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This series is highly recommended. Choice I recommend this series to anyone I know who is studying a language. These are the best, simplest and most easily understood grammar books I have ever come across. They have helped me tremendously. Letter from a student This text could come to the rescue of many beginning German students. Die Unterrichtspraxis This book is excellent. Exactly what our students need, but for lack of time don't usually get in every elementary course. Professor J. Martin, Baylor University, USA I consider this text a necessity for most students of 1st year German. Professor J. Richard Guthrie Jr, Christopher Newport Provides richly varied illustrations of grammar points featuring many examples of contemporary usage and recent lexical additions to the language. Deutsch: Lehren und Lernen --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is the clearest, best laid out and helpful book I have found for learning German. English Grammar for Students of German It was more helpful than any other books I have purchased or borrowed from the library. By discussing the similarities and differences between English and German, it helped me put all the information I have read and listened to in the past together into a

cohesive understanding of the language. Don't try to learn German without it. I started learning German 1 with an 'audio dialogue only' program I used when working out. I found this to be an easy way to learn and very enjoyable. When I got to level 2, I suddenly became very confused. 'Audio only' no longer worked as well. English has only one objective case for pronouns that are direct objects and indirect objects while German uses two cases. In English there is me, you, he, she, and it in the objective singular. In German you have twelve choices instead of five. The German plural form has 8 choices (counting sie and Sie as 2) instead of 3 in English. After receiving the book, I looked up pronouns in the index and it sent me to chapter 17. Looking at the table on page 80 instantly put everything into perspective for me. After memorizing the table I was able to go back to my audio learning. I am now noticing that my program is using another tense. Soon, it will be back to the book for more memorizing.

Why would someone studying German want a book on English grammar - especially if the person studying already speaks English? Because it's designed to explain what they're trying to learn (German) in terms of what they already know, or with which they're at least familiar (English). This is an outstanding book and well worth the money if you're trying to learn German (and especially if you're trying to learn it on your own). Its 45 chapters are short; to-the-point; and laid out such that simple concepts are explained first, and then built upon in succeeding chapters. The entire book - index and all - is only 168 pages, but lends itself quite well as an accompanying reference to a German curriculum. I'm using this in tandem with the Fluenz German language program (which is also awesome by the way!), and have found this quite useful in filling in details that might not be developed quite as thoroughly in the program. It also serves as an excellent reinforcement for the program's general grammatical concepts. Learning about nouns? Start out with a brief refresher in English as to what nouns are and how they're used in sentences - illustrated with several useful examples. From there, the book then illustrates how German nouns are both similar to and different from English nouns in usage, and provides ample examples to illustrate. Where applicable, general rules of usage are included as well. The chapter then concludes with a brief review of the main points in the form of a brief quiz, the answers to which are provided at the back of the book. There are discrete chapters for each major grammatical element the student will likely encounter, and as noted earlier - the chapters are short, usually only 4-6 pages each. Are there more in-depth German grammars available? Most certainly. But if you want an ideal quick reference that won't require you more time to find an answer to a grammatical concept than it does to actually read and understand the concept, I believe you'll be hard-pressed to find a better alternative. What's more, you're not

limited to German. This Olivia and Hill Press book is part of a series of similarly structured books covering a variety of other languages including French, Spanish, Russian, Italian, Latin, and Japanese. There's even one designed for native Spanish speakers trying to learn English. While I can't attest that each of those others is of the same quality and usefulness this one is, I would think they would be comparable and worthy of consideration as well if German is not the language you're trying to learn, or if you want to study one of these other languages as well.

I'm just learning German for the fun of it. Until now, I've just been reading books and working on the Tell Me More! course. I've been making a little progress but I kept getting hung up on the grammar and realized my biggest problem is my weakness in English grammar. Based on some of the comments here and the title of this book, I decided to give it a try. I find the book an easy read that helps me understand why German sentences are structured as they are. In addition, it has brought back some of the things I learned as a kid in Catholic school. I'm certain that this little book will be a great addition to the study materials I've been putting together. I'll be taking an Introduction to German class at the local public school and I think I'll be well prepared to understand the instruction. If you are like me and just learning German for the fun of it, read this book and I'm sure your understanding of the language will improve no matter what other materials you've studied.

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