

## **Dear Learner,**

in this **XXL Glossary** you will find, as its title suggests, much more than just a glossary. Each chapter includes the following sections:

### **Vocabulary**

All new words are presented in the order in which they appear in both the course book and the workbook, page-by-page, then alphabetically. Unlike a dictionary, this glossary allows you to learn words in context so that their meaning is far more real to you than a dictionary entry.

### **Forms and Structures**

In this section, we explain grammar based on concrete examples from the course book and compare and contrast the structures with those of English. As the course proceeds, you will find continued reference in newer sections to material in previous chapters to help reinforce your understanding and mastery of these points.

The “**Communication Strategies**” go a step beyond grammar to help acclimate you to aspects of the spoken language that you will encounter. This subsection reviews things that one hears that can’t be found in the dictionary.

We have also included additional translation **exercises** in each chapter to help you get a better sense of your progress and mastery, allowing you to see more how German and English are similar and different.

### **Listening and Speaking**

As important as grammar, structure, and vocabulary are, without knowing the sound system, they are of no use. In this section, we aim to give you the tools you will need not only to recognize the sounds of German, but to reproduce them so that you can be understood, even when your structural knowledge is weak.

### **Getting It All Down**

In this section, we provide numerous suggestions for helping you to learn German more effectively. As the program progresses, you will find some methods that work for you, perhaps some that do not, but you will add to your arsenal of study strategies. We place particular emphasis on the use of a *Lerntagebuch* (study journal) throughout.

### **Familiarity and Understanding**

No language exists apart from the culture in which it is couched. Here you will learn about the German-speaking areas of the world, their literature and arts, and aspects of daily life. This section also aspires to help you avoid common missteps that many foreigners and learners make.

### **Self-Evaluation**





At the end of each chapter, you have the opportunity to evaluate your progress on the objectives in each unit, allowing you to give extra attention to and/or seek extra help in areas where you are not as confident in your new skills.

We hope that you find this volume helps you learn German with greater ease and more enjoyment, and we wish you every success.

Sincerely,

the authors and editors



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