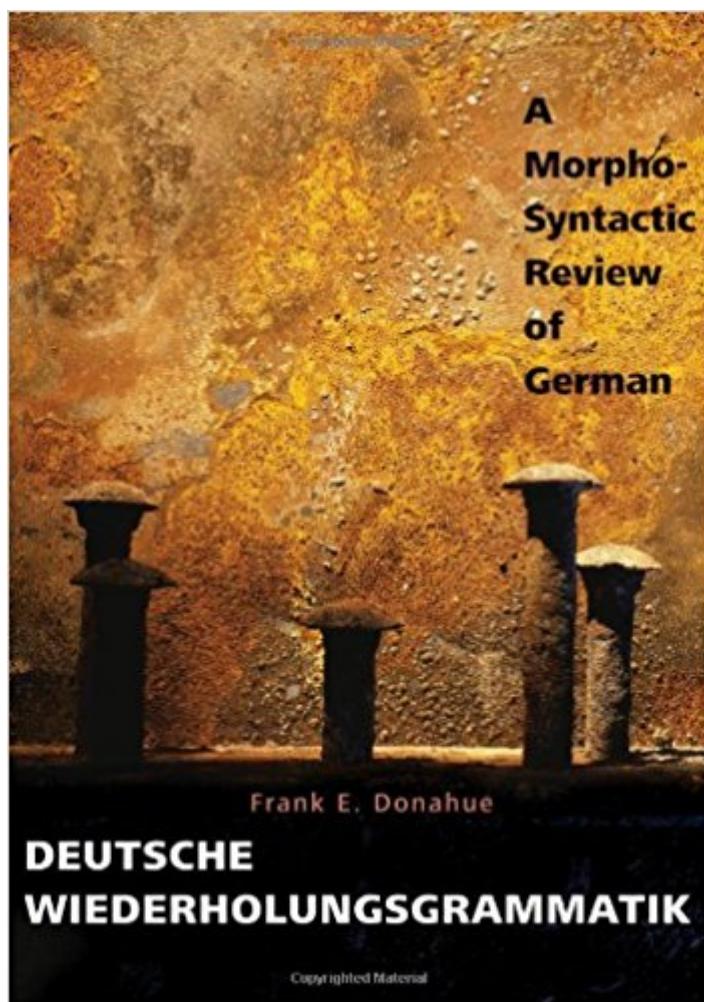


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# Deutsche Wiederholungsgrammatik: A Morpho-Syntactic Review Of German



## Synopsis

Deutsche Wiederholungsgrammatik provides a comprehensive grammatical review for students of German. Each specific topic is explained in a simple and straightforward style and reinforced through a variety of exercises. These activities guide the student's progress from basic theory review and structured practice through open-ended, communicative applications. Experienced students can refine their accuracy, while those unfamiliar with grammatical concepts and terminology can use the various exercises designed to assist them as they advance through the book. Helpful insights on how to learn the material efficiently are included for each topic. Deutsche Wiederholungsgrammatik is designed to accommodate the needs of English-speaking learners. By highlighting differences and similarities between German and English, the book allows students to build on existing grammatical knowledge. Example sentences are used to put abstract principles in context, making it easier for students to learn and apply them effectively.

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## Customer Reviews

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This is the best grammar book I have ever used for any foreign language. Perhaps it is the relative complexity of German grammar that necessitates a book like this, but I'm certainly glad to have it. I bought it as I was approaching the intermediate level, and it is indeed an excellent review of all of

the grammar concepts I'd learned so far. In fact, I wish I'd had it earlier, as learning the few remaining new grammar concepts was much better with the help of this book. However, I imagine it would not be as helpful for a complete beginner, since there is no review of vocabulary (though Donahue does make a point to keep the vocabulary relatively basic so as not to distract.) The method of explanation Donahue uses is so different from anything else I've encountered; it truly seems like he has taken the time to find new and better ways to explain difficult grammar concepts. He somehow manages to be both succinct and thorough at the same time. As another reviewer notes, he combines many traditional tables for adjective endings into one super-table which is refreshingly concise, while aptly noting that the concept is best learned by acclimating to the sounds and not by visualizing a table. (After all, being able to reproduce a table on a piece of paper may help on an exam but will never help you to form sentences on the fly.) He is very straightforward about everything, with practical tips like this one to sum up a longer explanation: "The bottom line: You will only seldom need to use the adjective 'jen-' or the pronoun 'dies'." He also takes the time to answer side questions that might be of interest to English speakers: for instance, why do we learn Subjunctive II before Subjunctive I? Is the passive voice discouraged in German as it is in English? Why is das Mädchen (the girl) neuter and not feminine, and do Germans consequently refer to a girl as an "it", as would be technically correct? Finally, includes helpful tips on avoiding pitfalls specific to English speakers, for instance, the difference in how Germans use *studieren* (study) and *lernen* (learn). All in all, this book is an absolute must for any German learner who is reaching the end of the beginner phase. I use it frequently and highly recommend it.

I have taught with this book at undergraduate level for years since it first came out. Not a single student has ever wanted to sell it back and all have found it incredibly helpful. An answer to everyone who said "I feel like my German needs some work" The (late) author was my professor and he put it through multiple versions before allowing it to be published so the reader would have an optimized learning experience. It functions perfectly as a self-study or independent/distance/correspondence course because all the explanations are in English and it includes a glossary and keys to all the exercises except the essays (which can easily be left out without diminishing the usefulness of the book). Currently in revision to include a testbank, but no publication date for that newer version, so I am still using the old one to great effect. It differs from its competitors by being very down-to-earth in its explanations. You don't have to be a grammar whiz or a linguist to understand what is being explained.

This book is used in universities as a primary text for Juniors and Seniors in an intensive review of grammar learned in German I-IV. Not for beginners. It is also a great review resource for non-students who had two or more semesters of college German. Remarkably clear and easy to use for self-study, this book is ideal for a refresher or to practice language skills. Recommended to me by a German graduate student. I used it for summer review between German II and III and found several excellent explanations of concepts that were a bit muddy from my classes..

This is a great text for people with one to two years of highschool or college German. It has some exercises for each chapter with answers, so it can be used independently of a teacher. In the rear of the book there is an excellent summary of vocabulary and grammar. The grammar is presented in a way that helps very much with memorization.

This book is great! It explains things clearly without delving too far into the details. The exercises are extremely useful for learning to actually use the principles taught. I've been studying German on my own and this book has helped immensely.

I really love this book. We were told to order it for our German Grammar class, and the book is just very easy to understand and gets straight to the point. I will be reading this book even outside of class to get a better understanding and dissect it a bit more! Highly recommended to anyone looking to learn more about German Grammar!

Yeah it's pretty great, just not enough room to write your answers. I think I will order two; one for writing in, one for having a clean copy. The editing is not the best (typos in the answer key??!!) and there is some inconsistent formatting throughout.

This is one of the best German grammar books I've used. I highly recommend it for anyone serious about learning German grammar. It would be especially good for people who already know some German. The book is probably too advanced for beginners.

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