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How To Learn And Memorize German Vocabulary: Using Memory Palaces Specifically Designed For The German Language

HOW TO LEARN
AND MEMORIZE
GERMAN
VOCABULARY

SECOND EDITION



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Synopsis

If you've ever wanted to improve your ability to learn and memorize German vocabulary by 100%...200%...300% (or more) using simple skills you can learn in under an hour (or less), then this second edition of How to Learn and Memorize German Vocabulary may be the most important book you will ever hear. Believe it or not, it doesn't matter if you have a good memory or not. The information in this book will teach you: Why memory techniques are like a bicycle everyone can ride (with some minor personal adjustments) The real reason why no one should ever be squeamish about memorization or learning a language Why and how some of the most famous memory skills are applicable to learning any language, especially German How to create a 26 "letter location" memory system based on the alphabet English speakers share with the Germans Sample examples that will show you exactly how and why these memory techniques and strategies work Unique approaches that will have you literally "tuning in" on the German language so that you can memorize its vocabulary and recall it with ease How to use actors, other public figures, and famous pieces of artwork to help you memorize German vocabulary How to separate German words in the most effective manner for memorization and recall A simple strategy for memorizing the male, neuter, and feminine genders (a process that some people consider the ultimate nightmare of language learning) A list of resources, including the secret to finding the absolute best dictionary to use when learning and memorizing German vocabulary How having a larger vocabulary will fill your travel in German-speaking countries (Germany, Austria, and Switzerland) with greater freedom to explore and enjoy the sights and culture ... and much, much more!

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Customer Reviews

How to Learn and Memorize German Vocabulary (2nd edition) is a very disappointing book. I listened to a webinar by the author and was impressed by some of what he said, so I purchased his book on German vocabulary. Here are some of its many flaws:- There is very little German in the book. Only about 30 pages are directly related to German. The rest is either general instruction on mnemonics, the author's annoying self-promotion, or just plain FILLER (for example, how to memorize a deck of playing cards).- There are lots of errors and typos, including some glaring ones. For example, on page 85 he defines the word "Fahndun" - but there's no such word in German. In the mnemonic description for this word he refers to "dung", so probably he means "Fahndung" - or perhaps he means the related verb "fahnden" (since his definition refers to a verb, not a noun) - but who knows? I get the impression from several clues in this book that the author's knowledge of German is minimal at best. (See his other books on , for the numerous other languages he professes to know.)- More generally, I think the entire premise of this book is faulty. I've studied mnemonic techniques and foreign languages for many years. I use "memory palaces" every day - but I never (or very rarely) use them for words in languages that are closely related to English, such as German, French, Spanish, etc. You really don't need mnemonics to remember basic German vocabulary: just use the many hundreds of English-German cognates, study German word families, get some good basic books, software, etc., and you'll learn almost all the vocabulary you need, in a much more direct and permanent way.- It is totally POINTLESS to organize vocabulary words alphabetically, in your memory, as the author recommends. This is really more like a party trick, to "amaze your friends" (by using mnemonics), but it's definitely not a good way to assimilate basic German vocabulary, for use in real-life situations. Yet even this aspect of the book is confusing, since the author alphabetizes a very short list of GERMAN words (pages 79-86), and then a little later (pages 90-98) there's another group of words "listed here alphabetically ... for easy placement into your own Memory Palace system" - but this time the words are alphabetized by their ENGLISH meanings ("Amount, Argument, Art..."). So which is it? Are the main entries in this memory palace/dictionary to be in German or in English, or in both languages jumbled together? It would be hard to think of a more convoluted way to go about learning German vocabulary.- It seems like there was a lot of copying and pasting in the production of this book, with little or no proofreading. It's definitely a rush job, and I'm sorry I bought it.

A waste of time. It never gets to the point and offers no input into improving one's knowledge of the German language. It's a very frustrating read.

After buying several "memory system" books and cds and countless hours of research of my own I'm still able to find ideas and techniques that profoundly enhance my ability to learn and memorize anything! The authors books and video course's are worth every penny. The details and support the author provides will give you the tools you need to accomplish all your memory goals.

Concrete, practical, step-by-step strategies for memorizing German vocabulary FAST!! I've always been a pimsleur & flash-card fan when it comes to language vocabulary, but Anthony's memory-palace technique is far more effective, both for how long it takes to memorize, and speediness of recall. This is especially useful for memorizing all the articles (der, die, das, etc) in German. No rhyme or reason to the genders in German, and I was prepared to buckle down and grind them out the old-fashioned way. Really surprised by how easy (and even kind of fun) its been to get these memorized with Mr. Metivier's strategies.

Nothing frustrates me more than language learning. But this book has a workable solution that, at least for me, has made it MUCH less painful to learn German. I'm so glad he put out a second edition because the guy has gotten thousands of letters over the years and this book gives you the benefit of all that feedback. Highly recommended!

I've used Dr Metivier's method to memorize several different things now and let me tell you, "IT WORKS!" Using the Magnetic Memory Method is a great way to memorize vocabulary, plus it develops your powers of imagination and visualization. Highly recommended!

Got it instantly.

This book is great! There is no other way to describe it. Its value goes BEYOND its contribution to your memorization of German vocabulary. The key contribution or "take away" that you will get from this book is its detailed and complete description of "memory castles" and their use. And it describes them in a way that makes them not only easy to understand, but also easy to use. So after reading the first part of this book (which covers the "memory castles") you will have, as part of your "arsenal", an extremely effective mechanism to enhance your memory in ANY area. How effective is this mechanism? Well, let me give you just one example. One of the things I had to memorize was the names of the moves of a Tai-Chi "sword form". "So what is so complicated about that?", you

might ask. Well, the move names are pretty long... and there are quite a few of them. To give you an example, the first move is "Right Hand Takes Over the Sword in Seven Star Form and Sitting on the Tiger". So you start with that and continue on. Subsequent moves are just as lengthy. Using the "memory castle" technique, I was able to learn ALL the move names, in the proper order, and I could recite them forwards and backwards... AND forwards or backwards from any move that you might name. I was able to do the same thing with the names of 64 move Guang Ping Tai Chi Long Form, again, using the "memory castle" technique. As far as I am concerned, the explanation of the "memory castle" ALONE is worth several times the price of the book. The portion regarding the German vocabulary, which includes recommendations of specific, useful German words that can enrich your conversations and communications experience are simply a bonus... and a very good one at that. At this point it is needless to say that I highly recommend this book. Get it EVEN IF YOU DON'T "GIVE A HOOT" ABOUT GERMAN VOCABULARY! Get it for the thorough explanation of "memory castles" and the detailed instructions regarding the construction and use of these "memory castles". You WILL NOT be sorry. You will be gaining a multi-use memory tool that, as the TV commercial say, is "priceless". Nough said!

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