

Katzensprung 1

“Katzensprung 1” has the following components:

- Textbook (speaking, reading, cultural awareness, language as a system)
- Workbook (writing, listening, reading)
- Audio CDs (pronunciation, listening, modelling for speaking exercises)
- Teacher’s Resource and Assessment Kit (teacher planning, support material, assessment tasks, emergency lessons)
- CD-ROM (reading, language as a system, pronunciation, writing, listening, cultural awareness).

The features which impressed me most about this new course are:

- *Landeskunde* is embedded in the course, and not treated as a separate entity
- Each chapter includes *Pluspunkte*, extension activities for more able students - these are particularly good with the listening activities, with students having the opportunity to show they have a deeper understanding of the texts, if they so choose
- *Technotipps* are included in the workbook, encouraging teachers to incorporate ICTs at every step
- The vocab list in the textbook is also reproduced in the workbook – a great idea meaning students no longer need to take home a copy of the textbook if they have a homework task
- The photo-story appears at the end of the chapter, once students have had the opportunity to learn and practise the relevant vocabulary
- The *Bravo!* section in the workbook enables students to record their progress, and also provides the opportunity for self, peer and teacher assessment.

The best feature of the new course is the inclusion of a CD-ROM as a course component. The CD-ROM focuses on consolidation and extension, not just repetition of the workbook. Students are able to work through the exercises on the CD-ROM at their own pace, receiving immediate spoken and/or visual feedback after each exercise. Best of all, at the completion of each chapter, students can print off their certificate of achievement for that chapter, which includes all their scores for each activity. Teachers are able to make one back-up copy of each CD-ROM, and these could be loaned to the students over the course of the year for use at home.

Each level of the course is designed to be used over one school year. After completing “Katzensprung 3”, students could then move on to “Feuerwerk 3”.

Available from Heinemann

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Textbook \$35.20 (as at 12/03)

Workbook \$22.00 (as at 12/03)

CD-ROM \$24.20 (as at 12/03)

CD-ROM Pack (CD-ROM + textbook) \$44.00 (as at 12/03)

Audio CDs \$88.00 (as at 12/03)

Teacher’s resource and Assessment Kit \$165.00 (as at 12/03)

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