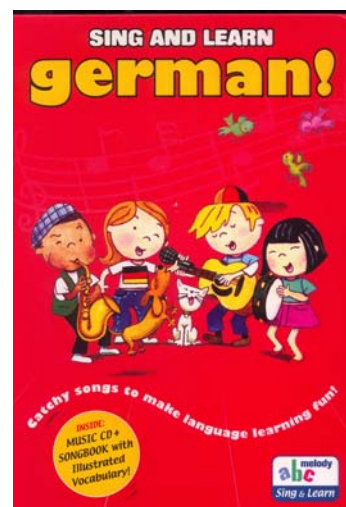


Sing and Learn German

Sing and Learn German contains ten entertaining songs for primary students of German. The CD is divided into two sections. In the first section (tracks 1-10), students listen to the songs, which each relate to a specific topic area, e.g. days of the week, food, colours. The second section (tracks 11-20) contains instrumental versions of the songs, encouraging students to sing along. This allows a versatile approach to teaching.

My students loved the variety of music styles, including jazz, hip-hop, Latino and dance. These styles of music are much more accessible to students than the old music cassettes so many of us have hiding in cupboards! The language is clearly presented and easy to remember, and my students enjoyed the humorous lyrics.



The songs include:

- *ABC Rap* (the alphabet)
- *Ich zieh' mich an* (clothing)
- *Leon, das Chamäleon* (colours)
- *Hallo, mein Freund* (greetings)
- *1-2-3, jetzt tanzen wir* (numbers 1-10)
- *Nimm den Zug* (transport)

Each song also lends itself to other topic areas. For example, *1-2-3, jetzt tanzen wir* is an actual dance for students to learn, combining numbers, simple directions and body parts. My students enjoyed following the dance steps and then making up their own dance. Being able to use the words from the song was a huge advantage, and we all had so much fun dancing!

The CD comes with an illustrated lyrics booklet and handy German picture vocabulary pages. *Sing and Learn German* would be an excellent supplement to many units of work, and is best used with Stage 2.

I have included some comments from my students - *direkt von der Quelle!*

It helps you to understand German by repeating the words – Andrew, Year 6

The music makes learning interesting – Jessica, Year 3

It's catchy and the beat is good – Lewin, Year 3

Heaps good because you can sing along! – Mitchell, Year 3

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