

Language Experience Teaching Approach

Here are some of our guiding ideas...

Learning Styles. People learn in different ways. At The Language Experience, we'll determine how you learn best and design your program especially for you. We use the latest methods proven to speed and enhance learning based on your learning style.

Situative Kinetic Learning. (*Learning in context*)

Excursions, cooking, walks, sports, cultural activities, shopping, parties to meet local Germans, and your own interests are some of the things you'll do to help strengthen your learning.

Lernen macht Spass. (*Having fun while learning*)

At The Language Experience you'll learn German while studying topics and are involved in activities that interest you. When you're relaxed, engaged, and having fun you'll be learning at your best.

Flexibility. Because we're small we are able to tailor virtually every aspect of the language learning process to exactly what you want and need. We'll do everything we can to make sure your stay with us is productive and enjoyable.

Relax, have fun, and learn German!

Learn German by doing things you enjoy! Research has proven that you learn best when you're relaxed, having fun, and doing something you're interested in.

After 2 weeks at LangEx I can confidently say I feel more comfortable and secure with the language. Our family needs were all met and the method of teaching was well balanced, easy going and friendly.

May the Lord bless you, your school, and your teachers!

Family Frielinghausen, re-locating from the US to Germany
2 weeks residential family Intensive Course, August 2004



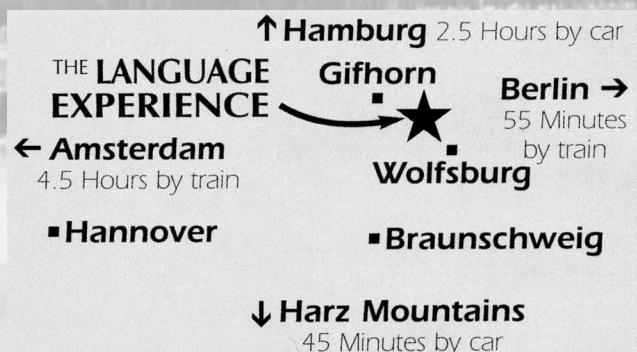
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Lots to See and Do in the Area

Relax by the lake, visit nearby cities, learn German the whole time



Lake Tankum, a small recreational lake at the edge of a forest, is a 5 minute walk from The Language Experience and offers boat rental, swimming and wind surfing in summer, and ice skating and cross country skiing in winter. Hiking and bicycling year round. Also available: tennis courts, mini golf, volleyball, ping pong, and bowling. A four-star lakeside hotel offers fine dining. There are also cafes around the lake where you can enjoy a snack, beer, ice cream, or coffee. For more information on the surrounding area and possible excursions during your stay with us, check links on our website.



We are centrally located just a few hours away from major Northern European cities with a multitude of cultural offerings.



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*Where students and
teachers are friends.*

Learning is experience.
Everything else is just
information.

Albert Einstein



Our innovative approach has
been successful since 1995

- One-on-one instruction for maximum success in the shortest time
- Courses for families, colleagues or friends to share the learning experience
- Tailor-made programs for different learning styles, levels, and needs
- Perfect for business people, students, and families
- Relaxed lake setting optimal for concentrated learning
- In the area of Germany where Hochdeutsch, dialect free German is spoken

INTENSIVE German Language TRAINING

Herzlich Willkommen to The Language Experience

Meet the team - your family at The Language Experience



Our director and founder Helga Weiss, MA is a native German who spent extensive time living internationally—including the USA, England, Canada, and India. She taught at Inlingua and Berlitz language schools before founding The Language Experience in 1995. She wanted to create a language program that would focus entirely on the individual students' needs and draw on all learning styles and available teaching techniques. Helga found that people learn best when they are relaxed and immersed in a topic or activity that interests them.

She assembled a team of language trainers who share her vision. At The Language Experience you will find teachers with many years of experience, as well as young, dynamic trainers in touch with the latest developments in their fields.

Our teachers have a wide spectrum of talents and expertise, such as sports, art, cooking, genealogy research, life coaching, car design, and technology. We'll match you with compatible trainers. You can learn all aspects of the language from any of our teachers.

The relationship between the students and teachers is friendly and informal. You'll often spend time with the teachers outside of class doing extra activities of interest that help build your language skills.



The team shares a passion for helping people master the German language. Here you will find teachers ready to create a tailor-made learning program just for you.



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Language Experience Methods

The student comes first, not the method



- Each course is custom designed according to how you learn best.
- Our tutorial system gives you the maximum opportunity to speak and hear German.

At The Language Experience our focus is you. We'll help you design a learning program that fits your time frame, level, interests, and learning style. Catering to your specific needs is our specialty. All of our courses are custom built, and each one is different.

We'll use a variety of teaching methods - both traditional and alternative - according to what works best for you. Getting you competent quickly is our goal.

We use primarily one-on-one instruction because we have found that this is the most effective and fastest way to acquire a new language. With the tutorial approach, the focus is always on you - not other class members.

You will constantly be hearing and conversing with native German speakers. You'll develop an informal rapport with your teachers that will put you at ease and keep you learning at your best. You and your tutors will engage in a variety of activities together to strengthen your use of the language.

The Courses

Tailored exactly to your needs, level, learning style and preferences

You'll receive private one-on-one instruction in all aspects of the German language. Your work-related language needs will be given special attention as well. We often alternate between sit down classes and activity-based learning (including excursions to surrounding towns and cities). Instructional materials used in our classes vary according to your needs and interests (videos, worksheets, cassettes, tape recording, etc.).



LangEx Intensive:

The fastest way to become competent in German
Intensive course at 8 lessons per day
(45 min. per lesson).

Since this is an individual, one-on-one course, you can book any amount of days including weekends. For a lighter load you can also book half days. You begin and end a course to suit your own time schedule.

Courses are available with or without LangEx lunch.

Option: Share a course with family, friends, or colleagues and cut costs

LangEx Lite:

To learn at your own pace and save money
A flexible mix and match system. Book classes à la carte according to need. Minimum booking: one double lesson. Supervised self study. Lessons will vary and can include everyday life situations like shopping. You will have plenty of opportunities to meet Germans to talk to and practice skills.

- Learn German with a private tutor
- Enjoy outings to the surrounding area
- Book any amount of days, start anytime

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please answer and fax, snail- or e-mail back to us)

Personal Details

Name _____

Profession _____

Sex _____ Birth date _____

Nationality _____ Native language _____

Address, personal _____

Address, business _____

Telephone _____ fax _____

email _____

Program Details

Residential and non-residential, with or without LangEx lunch (counts as one conversation or vocabulary practice unit). Weekends and evenings possible. One-on-one instruction or added participants such as family, friends or colleagues.

Intensive Course (IC)

Book any amount of full or half days. 8 units per day (45 minutes per unit/lesson):

265,- € without lunch

(add 25,- € per person per day sharing a course).

Students fix their own meals in their accommodation.

A lunch break will be given.

275,- € including lunch

(add 35,- € per person per day sharing a course).

Half days without lunch (4 units per day): 135,- €

(add 12,50,- € per person per day sharing a course).

Half days with lunch (5 units per day): 175,- €

(add 25,- € per person per day sharing a course)

number of days half days
 full days

Check one:

with lunch residential
 without lunch non-residential

any special arrangements, extra participants, etc _____

Beginning date of course _____ Ending date of course _____

LangEx Lite: Learn at your own pace and save money

A flexible mix and match system. Book classes a la carte (minimum booking: one double lesson) according to need. Supervised self study. Lessons will vary and can include everyday life situations like shopping. Afterwards you practice on your own. Plenty of opportunities to meet Germans to talk to and practice skills. Evenings and weekends sometimes possible.

prepaid package of 25 classes

(can also be used for LangEx lunch countable as one lesson)

one person: **872,- €** (add 128,- € for each additional person).

Guided excursions on arrangement

As a science teacher for over 20 years I have some experience with the teaching process. I found the techniques that Helga uses to be effective, enjoyable and specially suited to my needs. She was able to tailor her course specifically to my greatest needs, so that in a two week period I progressed from a situation where I was paralyzed by slow recall to a point where I felt relatively comfortable expressing myself in limited German. Besides her excellent language teaching, Helga extended herself to help me make contact with schools in the region in order to extend my other interests, and she taught me many customs, patterns and habits in Germany which made life easier and less embarrassing. I highly recommend her Lang/Ex Lite course for anyone who has some German language experience but who still needs a lot of help.

Doc Ingersoll, California, USA
2 week residential Lang/Ex Lite, Feb. 1999

The LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE LEARNER SURVEY

Are you learning German for personal or professional reasons?
What are your goals for coming to the Language Experience?
How have you learned German up to this point?

When learning German, which of the following methods would appeal to you the most? Please rank the following in order of preference.

- Listening to short presentations on Grammar topics followed by practice exercises.
- Role playing with your teacher. Acting out a likely situation, which might occur in your work routine or everyday life, learning appropriate vocabulary and terms in a playful manner
- Doing something hands-on (engaging in one of your hobbies, gardening, fixing a bicycle, shopping, cooking etc.), learning appropriate vocabulary and terms during the activity and then describing what you're doing.
- Having an informal conversation with a friend or peer.
- Taking a field trip to a local place of interest, while practising already learned material and building new vocabulary.

If it was hard to decide, DON'T WORRY. You'll have the opportunity to do any combination of these methods--as well as others--while at The Language Experience. Our approach is to immerse you into all aspects of the German language through a variety of experiences.

We also combine your personal interests with learning German because people learn best what they're interested in. To optimize your stay at the Language Experience, we'd like to learn more about you.

What are your hobbies/interests?

What type of music do you like?

What are your favorite foods/dishes?

Where is your favorite vacation spot?

What do you like to do to relax?

What else should we know about you?

What would be the ideal way for you to learn German? What methods/experiences should we provide for you at the Language Experience to optimize your time here? In other words, what should we do to make your time here as productive, stimulating, and enjoyable as possible?

Are there specific field trips that you'd like to take while you're at the Language Experience? (See web site for places of interest within driving distance)

Is there a specialized vocabulary you need to learn? (If so, we can try to match you with a teacher who specializes in the vocabulary you need to learn.)

Please bring personal photos and any objects you like that are especially important to you (music CDs, hobby material, written information or books, etc.). This will be helpful to conversation practice.

**We're looking forward to your stay here
at the Language Experience!**

This intensive course was very useful and a great experience for me. I appreciated the special attention given to my needed work related German language skills. I had no problem keeping my concentration and enjoyed learning German with the dynamic team at the Language Experience. The location in Northern Germany, where "Hochdeutsch", dialect free German is spoken, was also important to me. This way I could practice my newly acquired skills in close by towns, while shopping or eating dinner at a restaurant. I found the relaxed setting in a recreational area very conducive to study intensively.

**Claudio Alexandre Gouveia Dos Reis, Quality Planning
Volkswagen AutoEuropa/Portugal
2 weeks residential Intensive Course, December 2000**

