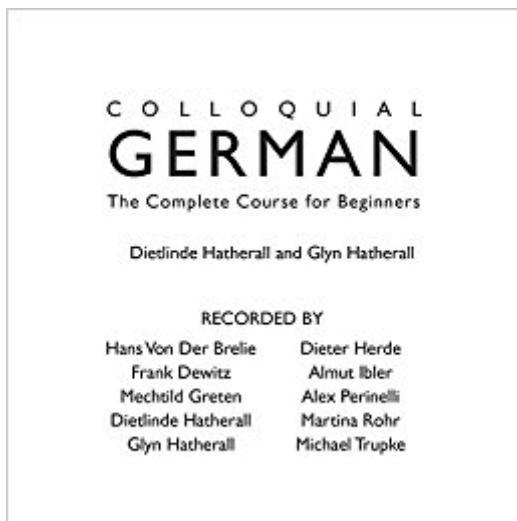


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Based on a vocabulary of only around 900 words, I found the dialogues very well written.

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