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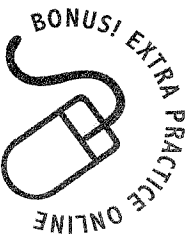
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INTRODUCTION

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DIALOG (DIALOGUE): Each lesson begins with a dialogue in standard, idiomatic German presenting a realistic situation—a job interview, a news report, a meeting with a lawyer—set in a different German-speaking locale. All dialogues are translated into idiomatic English.

IN KÜRZE (IN BRIEF): The notes in this section refer to specific expressions and phrases used in the dialogue. They'll introduce you to the cultural and historical background relevant to a particular expression, and allow you to see grammar rules and vocabulary "in action."

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