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I bought this book after I decided to study abroad in Germany. I got it to replace my 1992 Langenscheidt German "Compact Dictionary". After 20 good years of use (both in a high school for quite some time and some several months abroad), my old book is finally going into retirement. Even with the grammar shift in 1996, most of the entries in my old book were still pretty accurate, and I loved the old entry system, but that rugged little thing needs to be put to rest. I was apprehensive at first with my new one. I'd never looked inside the version meant for the native English speaker before, and while one might not think there's a big difference, I found some important distinctions: 1. The ones they sell in Germany, while containing identical dictionary sections, have conversions for all sorts of measurements *from* metric *to* U.S. Standard, whereas

the English version has the opposite. Especially important for people who like to bake and people who aren't familiar with how long a kilometer (or a meter, for that matter) is.² The German version contains a list of all of the irregular English verbs, whereas the English version contains a list of all the irregular German verbs³. The "how to use this book" section in the German version is naturally in German. While it isn't rocket science, I like knowing all the nuances of the dictionary because it contains some helpful grammar info that might go unnoticed if the "how to use" section is skipped.⁴ The English version also contains various tidbits like basic mathematical phrases (eg how to say 1/3 or 6 x 7) and German counting terms (1st, 2nd, so on)⁵. The German version in most bookstores I've been to (in Germany) and on .de cost around 25 Euros.

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