Online German-language Resources

Dictionaries:

http://www.dict.cc/ (German-English + English-German dictionary)

http://de.wiktionary.org/wiki/Wiktionary:Hauptseite (German-German dictionary)

http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Wiktionary:Main Page

http://www.duden.de/ (The German equivalent of the Oxford English Dictionary)

http://dict.leo.org/ (German-English + English-German dictionary)

Social networking language learning sites:

http://livemocha.com/

http://www.italki.com/

Free Online German Textbook:

http://www.coerll.utexas.edu/dib/introduction.php

http://www.coerll.utexas.edu/gg/ (Grammar component to the above textbook)

German-language news:

http://www.tagesschau.de/ (Germany)

http://www.spiegel.de/ (Germany. Download their free smartphone app!)

http://www.orf.at/ (Austria)

http://derstandard.at/ (Austria)

http://www.zeitung.ch/index.php#.Uu7hn_15MbB (Index of multiple Swiss newspapers)

http://www.nzz.ch/ (Switzerland)

Miscellaneous:

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Hauptseite (German-language Wikipedia)

http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/german/frameset.html (The sounds of the German language, with audio/visual examples and diagrams)

http://www.transparent.com/word-of-the-day/today/german.html (German word of the day)

http://www.slowgerman.com/ (Excellent site that makes good on its name)

http://www.duolingo.com/ (Free language-learning app)

http://www.lsa.umich.edu/german/hmr/Vokabeln/frequent_words.html (Most frequently-used words in the German language)

http://nthuleen.com/teach/grammar.html (Website with lots of grammar exercises)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MJVDW6zkks&list=PL8868DE7ED779A41D (YouTube playlist of German-language videos, songs)

http://www.fluentin3months.com/ (Wonderful site by Benny Lewis, a polyglot who shares his tips and tricks with the world)

Videos on how to learn a foreign language:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZqUeWshwMs (Benny Lewis TED Talk 1)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0x2_kWRB8-A (Benny Lewis TED Talk 2)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WLHr1 EVtQ (Sid Efromovich TED Talk)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0yGdNEWdn0 (Chris Lonsdale TED Talk)

-Go to the app store (or equivalent) on your smartphone and simply type in 'German'. You will receive LOTS of apps that you can download FOR FREE. Learn German while riding on BART, the bus, while waiting in line at the bank, etc.

If you are serious about learning German, spend AT LEAST thirty minutes every single day (the longer, the better, obviously).