

## PREFACE

*Compact Kurdish* systematically provides the basis of the Kurdish language (*Kurmancî*) in a learner-oriented format in 19 chapters. The textbook is primarily aimed at students who want to learn Kurdish from the beginning.

However, it can also be used by native speakers who want to better comprehend Kurdish grammar and written aspects of the language, since the majority of them has no institutional support in the systematisation of their own mother tongue.

In order to meet the intended objective, each chapter is structured as follows:

- dialogue / text
- vocabulary
- grammatical explanations
- exercises

The dialogues / texts are taken from everyday situations of all native Kurdish countries as well as Kurdish who have emigrated to other countries. However, they are built up gradually to match the level of language of the learner.

Each text is additionally available in audio form on the included CD, where you will also find pronunciation exercises. In order to facilitate the learner's access to the texts, many pictures have been drawn specifically for use in this book.

In order to optimize an autodidact's learning success, the following supplements have been added:

- answer key
- glossary Kurdish – English
- glossary English – Kurdish
- index of the two verb stems
- word index

*Compact Kurdish* first appeared under the title «Ez Kurdî Hîn Dibim – Pratik Kûrtçe Dersleri» (I learn Kurdish – Practical lessons in the use of Kurdish) in June 2009 in Istanbul (published by Nûbihar). The sixth edition of the Turkish version has meanwhile been released. Thereafter the book was transcribed into German by the author and adapted to the German target group. It was published in 2010 by the Reichert-Verlag.