

Learning Portuguese

Level 1A - Beginners

Course Outline

Join our group to learn Portuguese - the third Western language in terms of numbers of speakers - used in Brazil, Portugal, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, São Tomé e Príncipe and East Timor. Discover the beauty of this language that generated some of the world's best-loved rhythms - Samba and Bossa-Nova. It is more than learning a language. You will experience a bit of Brazil without leaving Sydney. Textbook will be supplied.

Audience:

This course was designed for travelers planning to visit Brazil or Portugal or anyone interested in the Brazilian culture, music and tourism. The course structure is flexible and may be adapted to suit the needs of the class. No prior knowledge of the language is assumed.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will have:

- learned phonetic principles to help pronounce Portuguese words
- learned Portuguese phrases and sentences useful for basic communication;
- participated in simple conversations;
- appreciated Brazilian culture and music.

Course Structure:

Course duration: 9 classes (18 hours).

Classes: each class is divided in four modules:

1. Listening & Reading
2. Conversation
3. Writing & Grammar
4. Cross-cultural Awareness

Method: Instructor-led activities in group and individual exercises.

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Course Topics:

Class One - Enjoy Your First Taste of Portuguese

- Introducing yourself & greetings.
- Word order & pronouns.
- Portuguese vowels and consonants.
- *Bossa-Nova* Rhythm - The Girl from Ipanema (Tom Jobim, Vinicius de Moraes, Norman Gimbel).

Class Two - "Gringo. Eu?"

- Where are you from?
- Nouns and articles. Numbers 1 to 10.
- Main cities in Brazil.
- *Desafinado* (George Michael, Astrud Gilberto).

Class Three - Meeting People

- Starting conversations. Days of the week & months.
- Nouns (plural).
- The people in Brazil.
- *Tropicalismo* movement - *Aquele Abraço* (Gilberto Gil).

Class Four - Work

- What do you do? Numbers 11 to 20.
- Nouns (superlative and diminutive).
- Brazilian economy.
- *Tropicalismo* movement - *Sampa* (Caetano Veloso).

Class Five – Consolidation Unit

- Short story from *Luis Fernando Veríssimo*.
- Review dialogues and pronunciation.
- Verb To Be – two forms.
- *Nos Bailes da Vida* (Milton Nascimento).

Class Six - Family

- Talking about your family. Seasons.
- Introduction to verbs.
- *Chove Chuva* (Jorge Ben – Moraes Moreira).

Class Seven – Going Around

- Asking for directions. Colours.
- Adjectives.
- Transport in Brazil.
- *Samba* Rhythm - *Samba do Avião* (Leila Pinheiro - Tom Jobim).

Class Eight - Going Shopping

- Going Shopping. Currency. Numbers 21-100.
- Adverbs.
- Rhythms of life.
- *Bossa-Nova* influence in the world-music - *Frágil* (Sting).

Class Nine - Food and Eating Out

- Restaurants & Menus. What time is it?
- Prepositions.
- Brazilian food.
- *O Bêbado e o Equilibrista* (Elis Regina).

Registration & More Information

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