### Hello and Welcome!

Yes, anyone can speak... practically every language! We'll try to make it as easy and enjoyable as possible for you. Our goal is modest ... to give you a chance to become familiar with basic words and common sentences, so that you can already understand what people want from you and even chat a bit, or at least say the right thing at the right time. That's something, isn't it!

You'll do most of it yourself by listening to the language, reading the text and of course repeating what you hear. That's why every word and every sentence is repeated twice... to give you a chance to read... to absorb... and to speak! And by the way, if it doesn't work for you the first time, it will work the second time or maybe the third. Practice as often as you want! The most important thing is never to be afraid to talk. Ok, so others will guess it's not your native language... so what? Language brings people together, and people always appreciate it when you try to speak their language, even if you make mistakes.

We're learning to speak and to express ourselves, because it's important to tell the person we're talking to what we mean and what we want. The English translations of the sentences I read are not always a literal translation of the words, but they are certainly sufficient to get the message across.

We have also tried to be politically correct when it comes to masculine and feminine forms, though sometimes giving all the possibilities in every sentence makes learning more burdensome. In any case, the language is meant both for males and for females, and if here and there only the masculine form is used, it's just to make learning and reading easier.

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OK. Let's start our journey together by learning the word "yes."..



# 1. Things you need to know

Coisas que você precisa saber

Yes, it's great to begin with a word of agreement: Yes

sim

si~

~ represents a nasal; there is no "m" sound

After saying "yes", sometimes there's no choice but to say "no"... From the tone you can tell that no means **No**!

Não

naw~

the pronunciation is like the word "now", but the /a/ sound is nasal

3.

Now that we've mastered "yes" and "no", it's time to ask for something, and say **Please** 

Por favor poh' favo[h']

The final "h'" is supposed to be pronounced like in "house". [h'] sometimes it is not pronounced

If we get what we asked for, we probably want to say thanks: you can just say **Thank You** 

Obrigado/a obrigádu/a

"obrigado" is said by men; women say "obrigada". 5.

And you can also add emphasis by saying Thanks a Lot

Muito obrigado múytu obrigádu

In "muito", "mui-" is normally nasal.

Usually you'll get a standard response, such as "my pleasure", "no problem", or a modest response like: You're welcome

De nada dji náda

7.

Now we already know how to put words together and say: **Yes**, **please** 

Sim, por favor si~, poh' favó[h']

ο.

Or: No, thank you

Não, obrigado/a naw~, obrigádu/a

"Excuse me" is an interesting phrase. When we want to be polite, get someone's attention, make a comment, ask for something, the correct phrase is "excuse me". For example, "Excuse me please, you're stepping on my foot!" – **Excuse me** 

Com licença co~ lisénsa

There is also a way to ask for forgiveness – "Ooh, I beg your pardon, I didn't mean it!" If we accidently hurt someone, we can say I beg you

Desculpe(-me) djiskúwpi(-mi) Desculpa diiskúwpa

"Desculpa" is very informal. "Me desculpe" and "Me desculpa" are very used, but "me" at the beginning of a sentence is wrong in Standard BR Portuguese

When we want to express true sorrow or to apologize, the appropriate phrase is: **Sorry** 

Sinto muito Síntu múytu

You can add "eu" before "sinto".

And when everything is fine, you can say: It's okay

Tudo bem

Túdu bey~

"ey~" is a nasal diphthong, it sounds similar to "ai" in train, there is no "m" sound
13.

Moving on to some "dating phrases". The first word you'll probably say at the beginning of the date is: **Hello** 

Olá olá

Another word is "oi", which is more like "hi".

And when you part ways? It's always nice to say, I had a great time, hope to see you soon, **Goodbye** 

Tchau

tshaw

"ow" like in "now"

Sometimes you do want to see that person again, and sometimes you say "see you" just to be polite... in either case, we say: **See you** 

Até logo Até: ló:gu

16.

10.

I wonder why almost every language has a special greeting for mornings. When you meet someone in the morning, you say: **Good morning!** 

Bom dia bo~ djía

Although "dia" means "day", the expression "bom dia" is used only in the morning. You sound weird saying "bom dia" after midday.

**17.** 

And there is also a special greeting for the afternoon: **Good afternoon!** 

Boa tarde! bóa táh'dii

18.

When you meet someone in the evening, you say: **Good** evening!

Boa noite! bóa nóytshi

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Boa noite!
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bóa nóytshi We say "boa noite" for both "good evening" and "good

night"

After a good night's sleep, we're ready to start the new day. Or maybe we want to welcome a guest, or maybe someone is happy to meet us and says: "Good to see you... **Welcome!**"

Bem-vindo! bey~ vindu

21.

When people meet each other, they usually exchange "small talk". They aren't always interested in a specific answer, but they show interest: **What's new?** 

E as novidades? i as novidádjis

22.

How are you today?

Como você está hoje? kómu istá vosé óji "j" is pronounced like "s" in "pleasure"

23. Some people simply ask, How are you doing today?

Como vai você hoje?

kómu vay vosé óji

24.

Most people expect a polite answer and not a list of complaints...

You can simply say: Fine, thanks

Bem, obrigado/a bey~, obrigádu/a

**25**.

Everything's fine with me. What about you?

Comigo, está tudo bem. E com você? komígu istá túdu bey~

i ko~ vosé

26.

And if everything was okay, or at least no one complained, you can say politely: I enjoyed myself, I had a lovely time

Foi um prazer foy u~ prazé[h']

**27**.

And your host will probably reply: "It's my pleasure".

Yes, it's always a good idea to be polite... It's my pleasure

O prazer é meu

u prazér e: mew

The final "r" for "prazer" is not pronounced as /h'/ because it is followed by a vowel.

And so, continuing to be polite, let us part by saying: I wish you...

Eu lhe desejo... ew lyi dezéju

29.

You could also say "best wishes", or "all the best", and maybe even wish someone **Good luck** 

Boa sorte bóa só:h'tshi

30.

You could, of course, add a little more detail, such as: Good

health ar	ıd happiı		
		Muita saúde e felicidade	
31.		múyta saúdji i felisidádji	
And there	e's also H	lappy Holiday Bom Feriado <mark>bo∼ feriádu</mark>	
32.	uroo Hew	nny New Year	
33.	urse <b>na</b> p	ppy New Year Feliz Ano Novo felíz ánu nóvu	
	way of say	lying goodbye is <b>Bon voyage</b>	
Allouidiv	vay or sa	Boa viagem bóa viájey~	
34.			
•		are you?! Happy birthday Feliz aniversário felíz aniveh'sáryu	
And to ma		dding anniversary, you would say H	Іарру
annivers	ary	(Marra) Davekána	
(Meus) Parabéns			
Horo poc	onlo aro i	(mews) parabéy~z more likely to say "parabéns", b	ut vou can
	•	niversário"	dt you can
Have a go	ood time,	, Enjoy your stay Aproveite sua estadia aprovéytshi súa istadjía	
And Have	a nico (	day	
Allu Have	a mice c	Tenha um bom dia	
téña u∼ bo∼ djía			
"ñ" is sir	milar to '	"n" followed by "y", like this "ny	<b>/</b> " –
sometim		ust a "nasal vowel" followed by	
"te~ya"			

And you could always add this greeting: All the best

Tudo de bom túdu dji bo~



## 2. Starting to Speak

Começando a falar 39.

In a foreign country and unfamiliar surroundings you need words to ask questions ... to find out how and where and what and who and when... OK so let's learn some question words:

When something isn't clear, or you didn't hear or understand, just ask: **What?** 

O quê? u ke

40.

Or you might want to know: Who?

Quem? key~

41.

Let's learn some useful pronouns, so we'll be able to introduce ourselves or talk about our friends. First there's I or me:

eu, me, mim ew, mi, mi~

Most of times "me" and "mim" are pronounced the same (mi~).

42.

Then there's **you** in the singular.

você vosé

43.

And what about us or we?

nós, nos no:s, nus

The sound of "o" in "nos" is similar to "u" in "put"

And you in the plural.

Vocês vosés

The final "s" may sound /s/ or /z/. Many Brazilians pronounce /voséyz/
45.

Then there's the third person: he and she or him and her

Ele, ela, o, a éli, é:la, u, a

"o" and "a" may also be "lo", "la", "no", na", according to where it is used 46.

And them

Eles, elas, os, as élis, é:las, us, as

Same thing as above: "los", "las", "nos", "nas" 47.

What about everybody?

Todos tódus 48. Or **nobody**?..

> Ninguém ningéy~

49.

Let's talk a bit about time, a topic we'll talk about later as well. Our first word is the question: **When?** 

Quando? kwándu

**50**.

There are lots of possible answers to the question "When?" If I don't know the exact time, I can give an answer relative to something else: "Before the trip" or "After the meal." Let's start with **before** 

Antes ántshis

**51**.

And go on to after

Depois depóys

**52**.

When some people ask "When?" they hope the answer will be right away, **now** 

agora agó:ra

"r" in words like this sounds like "t" in "water" in the most common US pronunciation

Then there are those people who always put things off until later mais tarde

mays táh'dji

**54**.

If not now, when? When will it be? Will it be sooner or will it be later? **sooner** 

mais cedo mays sédu

or later

55.

mais tarde mays táh'dji

56.

You probably want to get to more complex sentences... not yet...

ainda não aínda naw~

57.

If you're impatient you'll say, "now or never!" If you have no faith you'll say, "no way, it will never happen to me!" And if you like to complain you'll say, "Darn it! It always happens to me!" always

sempre sémpri

58.

Compared to never

nunca núnka

**59**.

Can I take a break? Just a minute. I'll be right back... Just a minute!

Só um minuto! so: u~ minútu

50.

Let's go over some other useful question words. "How I am

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doing?" How?
                              Como?
                               kómu
 61.
Why is it so hot in the summer? Why?
                             Por quê?
                              poh' ke
 62.
When I ask "why" I expect an explanation. Often the explanation
begins with Because
                              Porque
                              poh'ké
 63.
The word "where" is important to every tourist: Where is the museum? Where's the restaurant? Where?
                              Onde?
                               óndji
 64.
As with time, with space it's easiest to give answers relative to
something else: behind the tower, in front of the museum: in front
of
                            em frente a
                          ey~ fréntshi a
 65.
Compared to: behind
                               atrás
                               atrás
              Many Brazilians pronounce /atráyz/
 66.
We looked and looked, and it was right in front of our noses: here
                             está aqui
                              está akí
You can also say "aqui está"
People, unlike GPS, tend to give approximate explanations: "It's right
here," or "Go over there." Whether it's here or there, you usually find it in
the end: here
                                agui
                                akí
 68.
Or there
                                 lá
                                 la
If "there" means the place where the person you are talking
to is, the word is "aí".
Everyone who visits a big city looks for a high spot for a
panoramic view. But when we went up, it was overcast and we
couldn't see a thing... so we came down. First up
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71.
The museum was impressive from the outside, but on the inside it wasn't much to speak of: inside

70.

And then down

dentro déntru

para cima pára síma

para baixo pára báyshu Compared to: outside

fora fó:ra

73.

What's on top of the table? And what are you hiding underneath? on top of

em cima de ey~ sima dji

74.

and underneath

embaixo (de) embáyshu (dji)

75

Here's another question word to help you make up your mind. For example, when you go shopping the salesperson may ask which item you want to buy. Which one?

Qual? kwaw

**76.** 

Now we can start confusing the salesperson: "This one! No, that one, the one over there!" Soon we'll know the words for colors to make things easier... but in the meantime: **this one** 

este / esta éstshi / e:sta

In spoken BR Portuguese people normally say "esse/a aqui" instead of "este/a". In Standard BR-PT, this is not correct.

**77**.

Or that one

aquele akéli aquela aké:la

If the item is near the salesperson, the word is "esse/a" and Brazilians could say "esse ai/ali" 78.

And in the plural: "Actually I want those.": those

aqueles akélis aquelas aké:las



# 3. How Much, How Many?

Quanto, Quantos?

Let's learn a few words for sizes and amounts. "How much water is in the bottle?" (Not very much...) "How much money is in your wallet?" (Not enough...) "How many sugars do you take in your coffee?" (a few more..." How much food did you bring?" (Lots!) You're right, these questions all begin with How much / How many?

Quanto/a? Kwántu/a Quantos/as? Kwántus/as

80.

"How much?" is often short for "How much does it cost?" Though between you and me, everything here is beautiful, but at these prices... you're out of your mind!.. I'm not buying anything.

Nothing! nothing

nada náda

81.

Compared to: everything

tudo túdu

82.

We bought a little and we paid a lot: a little

pouco pówku

83.

or a lot

muito múytu

84.

The salesperson said it cost him more... Get real, usually salespeople pay less and we pay more. That's the nature of commerce... **less** 

menos ménus

85.

compared to more

mais mays

86.

Do you want to go up to the top of the tower? Sorry... I'm staying down here. I've had enough. I've climbed too many stairs today already. **enough** 

suficiente suficientshi

87.

Compared to too much

demais djimáis

88.

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um pouquinho mais
u~ pówkíñu mays
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89.

It will take them around half an hour, not exactly but about...

around, about

em torno de ey~ tóh'nu dji cerca de séh'ka dji

Wait, let me count. How much change do I have left? Is it enough for coffee and cake? I think so, more or less

mais ou menos mayz ow ménus

91.

90.

I'm sitting in the café, with all my purchases in front of me. I was sure I'd bought a lot more. Is that all?

É só isso? e: so: ísu

92.

For today, that's enough!

Chega! shéga

Also "basta"

93.

94.

They're back from the tower. How was it? Was it especially nice? ... Too bad you missed it, they say. **Really?..** 

Sério? sé:ryu

Maybe I'll come back tomorrow morning. Maybe

Talvez tawvés

Is it possible to take a shortcut and get there from this street? Sure it's possible. What do you mean? It's impossible. Note the difference: **possible** 

possível posívew

compared to Impossible

Impossível imposívew

97.

98.

99.

Are you certain? Yes, Sure

Claro kláru

As always, you're right ... Of course!

É claro! e: kláru

Sure, no doubt. Certainly!

Certamente! se:h'taméntshi

100.

I think there's no way this can be even considered. **No way! De jeito nenhum!** 





#### 4. Common Questions

Perguntas Comuns

Tourists usually have a list of prepared questions. You can get along very well with these questions, provided you can understand the answers. So let's get started.

We're nobody's fools and we've brought money for shopping, so what we want to know is: **How much does it cost?** 

Quanto custa? kwántu kústa

102.

But we also want to do some touring. Can you go there on foot or do you need to take the bus? **How far is it to...?** 

Qual é a distância para...? kwaw e: a djistánsya pára

103.

Do I have enough time? When does it open?

Quando abre? kwándu ábri

104.

When does it close?

Quando fecha? kwándu fésha

105.

Can someone here kindly tell me: What time is it?

Que horas (são)? ki ó:ras (saw~)

106.

I've never seen anything as interesting as this. What is this?

O que é isto? u ki e: ístu

107.

When you can't manage on your own, you can always ask someone: Can you tell me...?

Você pode me dizer...? vosé pó:dji mi djizé[h']

108.

Here's another useful opening for a request question: Can I please have...? For example, a menu or the check or anything else you might want: Can I please have...?

Pode me trazer...? pó:dji mi traze[h']

109.

This isn't what I'm looking for. I know what I need... **Do you have...?** 

Você tem...? vosé tey~

110.

There's something I like in the shop window... Can you show it to me please? Can you show me...?

Pode me mostrar...?

pó:dji mi mo:strá[h']

Just a moment. I'm a bit lost. What is that over there? Where am I? I'd better ask someone. Where am I?

Onde estou? óndji istów

112.

Here's a word I don't understand. What does this word mean? What does... mean?

O que... significa? u ki siginifíka

BR-PT does not accept most of consonants at the end of syllables, that is why the sound [i] is added after [g] 113.

I thought I'd be able to find my way more easily, but I got mixed up and I'm having trouble figuring out where I am. I'll ask for help. Excuse me... Can you help me please?

Você pode me ajudar, por favor? vosé pó:dji mi ajudá[h'] poh' favó[h']

114.

Someone here noticed I was a bit confused and offered me help: "May I help you?" In stores, you are often asked the same question: "May I help you?"

Posso ajudar?
pó:su ajuda[h']



# 5. Important Words

**Palavras importantes** 

Every language has its "little words" - prepositions and conjunctions - that are in almost every sentence. There's no avoiding it - you have to know them. True, they can't be picked up just like that, and they usually have different meanings in different contexts. But we're not going to give in just because learning these words is hard, because without them ... you cannot speak!

First of all, there's the definite article "the" used when we're referring to something specific: I read a book, but the book you gave me was really good; the hotel where we're staying is far; the trip was interesting; the coffee is hot: the

> o, a, os, as u, a, us, as

117.

Then there's the coordinating conjunction and for great combinations such as coffee and cake: and

118.

Hello! Yes, we're in our hotel room: in

em

ey~

Portuguese accepts articles before possessive adjectives, so you can say "no nosso quarto" 119.

Call us tonight at the hotel: at

em (no) ey~ (no)

The preposition "em" join articles like this: no, na, nos nas 120.

We're going to my sister. She's been living there for two years: to

para pára

There is also the preposition "a". Very often "pra" is used instead of "para" 121.

Where are you from? We are from the USA. from

de dji

de + definite articles = do, da, dos, das 122.

It'll take us about an hour: about

cerca de séh'ka dji

123.

We need to go back. I left my glasses on the table at the restaurant... on

> em cima de ey~ síma dji

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124.
But why does this keep happening to me... but
                              mas
It is often pronounced as /mays/, what causes it to be
confused with "mais"
 125.
What do you prefer? Coffee or tea? hot or cold? or
                               ow
 126.
I <u>only</u> drink tea. only
                               SÓ
                               so:
 127.
I also like tea. But I drink coffee too: also / too
                            também
                            tambéy~
 128.
Little Red Riding Hood went for a walk in the woods. Then the wolf
showed up... and then he asked her... then
                              então
                             entáw~
 129.
I heard that story, and since then I've been worried about my
grandmother... since then
                          desde então
                         dézdji entáw~
 130.
I was really in suspense until the hunter showed up... until
                               até
                               até:
 131.
On this diet, you don't eat ice cream during the week, only on the
weekend... during
                             durante
                            durántshi
132.
The museum is near the hotel. And the hotel is close to the
museum: near, close to
                              perto
                             pé:h'tu
                           próximo a
                           pró:simu a
 133.
They may be close... but my car broke down between the
museum and the hotel: between
                              entre
                              éntri
 134.
Now let's learn a few useful words related to what we have and
what we don't have: I have
                            Eu tenho
                            ew téñu
 135.
Compared to: I don't have
                         Eu não tenho
                         ew naw~ téñu
 136.
This watch is mine: mine
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meu

Tille Water le <u>Hillie</u>.

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mew
 137.
It was mine, but now it's yours: yours
                               seu
                              sew
 138.
This car is ours: ours
                             nosso
                             nó:su
 139.
Wait, this is really an important verb. Let's go over it again: I have
                            Eu tenho
                            ew téñu
 140.
He has a boyfriend. Does he have a girlfriend? He has
                            Ele tem
                             éli tev~
 141.
Does she have a boyfriend? Yes, she has
                            Ela tem
                            é:la tey~
 142.
Luckily, we have a bit of money: We have
                           Nós temos
                          no:s témus
143.
Let's review again. What's the opposite of "I have"?... I don't
                         Eu não tenho
                         ew naw~ téñu
144.
This isn't mine... Excuse me, is this yours? Excuse me, is this
yours?
                   Com licença, isto é seu?
                    ko~ lisénsa, ísu e: sew
 145.
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What are you talking about?.. No, it's not mine. No, it's not mine Não, não é meu

naw~, naw~ e: mew

146.

I've lost my shoe. Does anyone know where my shoe is? Where's my...?

Onde está meu...? óndji istá mew...

Brazilians often use "cadê" for "where is/are" 147.

Not every Cinderella has a Prince Charming to find her shoe. In most cases the answer is: "I don't know where your shoe is" or "I have no idea!" I don't know!

Eu não sei! ew naw~ sey



## 6. Adjectives

**Adjetivos** 

148.

Adjectives help us describe nouns... sometimes according to our own taste – beautiful or ugly – and sometimes according to their attributes: large or small, dark or light, young or old.

Is it cold or hot there? Do I need to wear long sleeves or short sleeves? **long** 

Longo/a lóngo/a comprido/a comprídu/a

The word "comprido" is the same and is often used. 150.

Or short

curto/a kúh'tu/a

151.

He's tall and I'm short, but it's okay. We're a good match... tall

alto/a áwtu/a

152.

or short

baixo/a báyshu/a

**153**.

We packed a big suitcase and a small bag. big / large

grande grándji

154.

compared to small / little

pequeno pekénu

Sometimes the suffix –inh- is used for "little": "bolsinha" = "little bag"

155.

My bag is already old. I've decided to buy a new one on this trip.

Novo nóvu Nova nó:va

156.

compared to old

velho/a vé:lyu/a

**157**.

Sir, how do you take your coffee? **strong** 

forte fó:h'tshi

**158**.

or maybe weak

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fraco
                               fráku
 159.
It's hot during the day and cold at night. During the day it's hot
                              quente
                              kéntshi
 160.
and at night it's cold
                                frio
                                friw
 161.
The book was good, but the movie was bad... The book was
                                bom
                                bo~
 162.
but unfortunately the movie was bad
                               h'uí~
 163.
We eat together at the restaurant, but when it comes to paying, we
each get a separate bill: together
                               iuntos
                               júntus
 164.
but separate when it comes to money... separate
                             separado
                             se:parádu
How can you explain the concept of right and left to children who
don't wear wristwatches? right
                               direito
                              djiréytu
 166.
or left
                             esquerdo
                             iskeh'du
 167.
Now I'll try to speak like the GPS: "Turn to the right at the traffic
circle. Then turn to the left at the traffic light..." to the right
                              à direita
                             a djiréyta
 168
and then turn to the left
                            à esquerda
                            a iskéh'da
 169.
When it comes to preferences, as the saying goes, "different strokes for
different folks..." Yet it seems to me that we know what's beautiful and
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what's ugly. beautiful bonito/a

bonítu/a

170.

and ugly

feio/a feyu/a

171.

**172.** 

Strange... some people think that expensive clothes are prettier... expensive

caro/a káru/a

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I prefer... cheap
                            barato/a
                            barátu/a
 173.
I wish I could afford a dark colored car in the winter and a light
colored car in the summer... dark
                            escuro/a
                            eskúru/a
 174.
compared to light
                             claro/a
                             kláru/a
 175.
Were you ever told that you must wait an hour after eating before
swimming? Well, today we know that's just an old wives' tale. You
don't need to wait to digest your lunch before you go swimming.
Swimming on a full stomach will not cause cramps.... before
                              antes
                             ántshis
 176.
or after
                             depois
                             depóys
 177.
I want you to line up in a row. The first person should stand in
front of the second, and the third should stand behind the second
and in front of the fourth, and so on... in front of
                          na frente de
                         na fréntshi dji
 178.
or behind
                              atrás
                              atrás
 179.
All the cars are going fast on this superhighway. What's a slow
car doing here? fast
                            rápido/a
                            h'ápidu/a
 180.
compared to slow
                             lento/a
                             léntu/a
"devagar" is also very used (no gender or number
inflection).
 181.
Am I speaking too quickly? I'll try to speak more slowly and to
emphasize every word... quickly
                          rapidamente
                        h'apidaméntshi
                            depressa
                            djipré:sa
Actually people are more likely to say "falar rápido".
as opposed to slowly
                           lentamente
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djivagá[h']
People are more likely to say "falar devagar"
183.

lentaméntshi devagar

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My guests left late. Too bad they didn't leave... early
                              cedo
                               sédu
 184.
They left... late
                              tarde
                              táh'dji
 185.
Excuse me, is smoking permitted here? No way.. smoking's
forbidden! permitted
                            permitido
                          peh'mitshídu
 186.
The opposite of permitted: forbidden
                             proibido
                             proibídu
 187.
I got the car with a full tank of gas, but I returned it empty... full
                              cheio
                              shéiw
 188.
but I returned it empty
                              vazio
                              vazíw
 189.
What's right is right! right
                              certo
                             sé:h'tu
 190.
Or wrong
                              errado
                             e:h'ádu
 191.
Is your room clean? Ours is still dirty! The room is clean
                             limpo/a
                             límpu/a
 192.
The room is dirty
                              sujo/a
                              súju/a
 193.
I brought a gift but without a card... with
                               com
                               ko~
 194.
compared to without
                               sem
                               sey~
 195.
Is the restroom on the plane vacant?
                          desocupado
                          djizokupádu
 196.
It was vacant before, but now you'll have to wait. It's occupied
                            ocupado
                            okupádu
```

The restaurant is closed. I can't wait until it's open. open aberto abé:h'tu

197.

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fechado
feshádu
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199.

Old people have interesting stories, but young people don't have the patience to listen... young

> jovem jó:vey∼

200.

old

idoso/idosa idózu/idó:za

The word "velho" is often used for people. I see "idoso" as some euphemism. However, since "idoso" is somebody older than 65, some people use another euphemism:

"pessoa de idade" ("person of age"). 201.

Hey, what's your rush? Why did you fast forward the movie. Go backward... I didn't see what happened. backward

para trás pára trás

In a real conversation, people are more likely to say "volta" instead of "vá/passe para trás" 202.

OK, I saw it. You can go forward

para a frente pára a fréntshi

"Passar pra frente" is very likely to be used, but you can also say "adiantar" or "avançar"

Don't you get it? Is it complicated for you? I'll explain once more, and you'll see that it's simple... simple simples

símplis

You only thought it was complicated

complicado

komplikádu 205.

Can't you hear me? You're standing too far away. Come stand near me and you'll hear every word... near

> perto pé:h'tu

206.

204.

or far

longe lónji

207.

What's better? One heavy suitcase or two light ones? light

leve lé:vi

208.

Or heavy

pesado/a pe:zádu/a

209.

Tell the truth. So far has it been easy or difficult? easy fácil

fásiw

210

It really wasn't difficult

difícil

211.

This towel is wet? Can I have a dry towel? wet

molhado/a molyádu/a

djifísiw

212.

I prefer dry

seco/a séku/a

213.

Who hasn't seen movies about a fat guy and a skinny guy? fat gordo/a

góh'du/a

214.

skinny

magro/a mágru/a





### 7. Numbers

Números 215

Knowing how to count and recognize numbers is basic in any language. Let's learn together. We'll start with examples and our fingers, and when we run out of fingers we'll count out loud together.

216

Zero is round, made by placing your thumb against your index finger: **zero** 

zero zé:ru 217.

They say that 'one bad apple spoils the barrel': one

um/uma u~/úma

218.

How many legs? Two. How many eyes? two dois/duas doys/dúas

219.

Two's company but three's a crowd. three três

tres

**220**.

Someone who wears glasses is called "four eyes": **four quatro** 

kwátru

221.

People usually have five fingers on each hand: five

cinco sínku

222.

six

seis

seys

223.

seven

sete

224.

sé:tshi

eight

oito

óytu

225. nine

nove

nó:vi

226. ten

dez

de:s

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Often pronounced /de:ys/
Before we go on... let's repeat the numbers one through ten!
OK let's go on: eleven
                             onze
                              ónzi
 229.
twelve
                             doze
                              dózi
 230.
thirteen
                             treze
                              trézi
 231.
fourteen
                           quatorze
                            katóh'zi
Also pronounced /kwatóh'zi/
 232.
fifteen
                            quinze
                              kínzi
 233.
sixteen
                           dezesseis
                           dezeséys
Often pronounced /djizeséys/
seventeen
                           dezessete
                          dezesé:tshi
Often pronounced /djize:sé:tshi/
 235.
eighteen
                            dezoito
                            dezóytu
Often pronounced /djizóytu/
 236.
nineteen
                           dezenove
                           dezenó:vi
Often pronounced /djizenó:vi/
 237.
This is easy, right? OK, let's go on: twenty
                             vinte
                            víntshi
 238.
And, naturally: twenty-one
                          vinte e um
                          víntshi i u~
 239.
twenty-two
                          vinte e dois
                         víntshi i doys
 240.
twenty-three
                          vinte e três
                         víntshi i tres
 241.
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twenty-four
                         vinte e quatro
                        víntshi i kwátru
 242.
twenty-five
                          vinte e cinco
                         víntshi i sínku
 243.
twenty-six
                          vinte e seis
                         víntshi i seys
 244.
twenty-seven
                          vinte e sete
                        víntshi i sé:tshi
 245.
twenty-eight
                          vinte e oito
                         víntshi i óytu
 246.
twenty-nine
                          vinte e nove
                         víntshi i nó:vi
 247.
OK, let's move on to the multiples of ten: thirty
                              trinta
                              trínta
 248.
forty
                            quarenta
                           kwarénta
 249.
fifty
                           cinquenta
                           sinkwénta
 250.
sixty
                           sessenta
                            sesénta
 251.
seventy
                            setenta
                            seténta
 252.
eighty
                             oitenta
                            oyténta
 253.
ninety
                            noventa
                            novénta
 254.
And finally we've reached one hundred
                              cem
                              sey~
Yes, it is pronounced just like "sem" (without)
two hundred
                           duzentos
                           duzéntus
 256.
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Now, can you say this number: two hundred forty-seven
                 duzentos e quarenta e sete
                duzéntuz i kwarénta i sé:tshi
 257.
three hundred
                          trezentos
                          trezéntus
258.
four hundred
                        quatrocentos
                        kwatruséntus
259.
five hundred
                         quinhentos
                           kiñéntus
260.
Let's jump ahead to one thousand
                             miw
 261.
And of course to two thousand
                           dois mil
                          doys miw
262.
three thousand
                           três mil
                           tres miw
263.
four thousand
                          quatro mil
                         kwátru miw
 264.
five thousand
                           cinco mil
                          sínku miw
 265.
ten thousand
                            dez mil
                           de:s miw
266.
Soon we'll be finished, one hundred thousand
                           cem mil
                           sey~ miw
267.
Let's finish with one million
                          um milhão
                         u~ milyaw~
That wasn't too bad, was it? Now let's learn the ordinal numbers
to help us put first things first and last things last. We'll start with
first
                          primeiro/a
                          priméyru/a
269.
second
                          segundo/a
                          segundo/a
 270.
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third terceiro/a teh'séyru/a

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271.
fourth
                            quarto/a
                            kwáh'tu/a
 272.
fifth
                            quinto/a
                             kíntu/a
 273.
sixth
                             sexto/a
                             séstu/a
274.
seventh
                            sétimo/a
                          sé:tshimu/a
275.
eighth
                            oitavo/a
                            oytávu/a
276.
ninth
                             nono/a
                             nónu/a
 277.
tenth
                            décimo/a
                           dé:simu/a
278.
How many times will you need to practice the ordinal numbers until you
know them by heart? once?
                            uma vez?
                           úma veys
279.
Or maybe twice?
                          duas vezes?
                           dúas vézis
Don't feel bad if it takes you three times
                           três vezes
                           tres vézis
281.
Let's toast our accomplishments... Give me a half a glass of wine
please... half
                             meio/a
                             meyu/a
 282.
Actually, a quarter of a glass is enough... quarter
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quarto kwáh'tu



### 8. Colors

**Cores** 

Every place in the world has the same colors, and they look the same in all languages... Interesting?.. Colors

kóris

284.

What's your favorite color? Maybe red?

vermelho veh'mélyu

285.

yellow

amarelo amaré:lu

286.

blue

azul

287.

azúw

black

preto prétu

288.

white

branco bránku

289.

Maybe orange, like the fruit with the same name? orange

laranja laránja

290.

brown

marrom

mah'ó~

291.

purple

roxo

292.

h'óshu

green verde

véh'dji

293. pink

rosa

h'ó:za

294.

gray

cinza sínza

295.

Is this ring silver? silver

296 No, it's actually gold. **gold**  prata práta

> Ouro ówru





## 9. Days of the Week

Dias da Semana 297.

Now that we've learned to count and learned the colors, we should learn the days of the week. Every language has a separate name for each day. **Days of the Week** 

Dias da Semana djíaz da semána

298.

What day is it? Today is...

Hoje é... óji e:

299.

Sunday

domingo domingu

300.

**Monday** 

segunda-feira segúnda féyra

Often said only "segunda" 301.

Tuesday

terça-feira téh'sa féyra

Often said only "terça" 302.

Wednesday

quarta-feira kwáh'ta féyra

Often said only "quarta" 303.

**Thursday** 

quinta-feira kínta féyra

Often said only "quinta" 304.

**Friday** 

sexta-feira sésta feyra

Often said only "sexta" 305.

**Saturday** 

sábado sábadu

306.

When did you get back? We came back yesterday. yesterday

ontem óntey~

*307*.

There's also the day before yesterday anteontem

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antshiontey~
 308.
I'm going today. today
                             hoje
                              óji
 309.
and coming back tomorrow. tomorrow
                           amanhã
                           amañá~
 310.
Or if I'm having a good time, the day after tomorrow
                     depois de amanhã
                     depóys dji amañá~
 311.
Isn't his birthday this week? Wow! What's today's date?
                       Que dia é hoje?
                         ki djía e: óji
312.
When is your birthday?
                 Quando é seu aniversário?
                kwándu e: sew anive:h'sáryu
313.
Thanks for the good wishes, but it was... last week
                      semana passada
                       semána pasáda
 314.
There's still time. It's next month
                        mês que vem
                         mes ki vey~
 315.
When will you come for a visit? Next year?? Too bad, I'd hoped
you'd come this year.
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este ano éstshi ánu



## 10. Telling the Time

Dizendo as Horas

OK, since we now know the numbers, it's time to learn about time and how to say what time it is...

What's the most popular question asked? Of course... **Excuse** me, what time is it?

Com licença, que horas são? ko~ lisénsa, ki ó:ras saw~

318.

The answer usually begins with.. The time is...

São... / É...

saw~/e:

If it is one o'clock, people will say "É uma hora" 319.

Let's start with one o'clock and add a little something each hour to make things interesting and to review. Here we go: **one o'clock in the morning** 

uma hora da manhã úma ó:ra da mañá~

**320**.

two o'clock in the afternoon

duas horas da tarde dúas ó:ras da táh'dji

321.

Three-thirty is the same thing as half past three: three-thirty or half past three

três e trinta / três e meia trez i trínta / trez i méya

322.

Four-fifteen is the same as a quarter after four: four-fifteen or quarter after four

quatro e quinze kwátru i kínzi

I made a change here because Portuguese has nothing like "quarter past..."
323.

When will my coffee be ready? It's already... quarter to five quinze para as cinco kínzi pára as sínku

324.

six-twenty

seis e vinte séyz i víntshi

325.

seven in the evening

sete da noite sé:tshi da nóytshi

326.

eight minutes to seven

oito minutos para as sete

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óytu minútus pára as sé:tshi
 327.
Too bad, the plane took off nine minutes ago
                       há nove minutos
                       a nó:vi minútus
 328.
The next bus leaves in another ten hours
                 dentro de outras dez horas
                 déntru dji ówtras de:z ó:ras
 329.
It's late. It's eleven p.m.
                        onze da noite
                       ónzi da nóytshi
 330.
When do lazy people get up? At twelve noon or at noon
                  doze horas / ao meio-dia
                  dózi ó:ras / aw méyu djía
331.
Time is counted by the second, minute and hour.
                   segundo / minuto / hora
                   segúndu / minútu / ó:ra
332.
I'm sure you remember, but since it's important let's review:
quarter / half
                        quinze / meia
                         kínzi / méya
 333.
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Now it's midnight

Agora é meia-noite agó:ra e: méya nóytshi

334.

Finally, let's review again: day / week dia / semana djía / semána 335.

and of course month / year

mês / ano mes / ánu



#### 11. Personal Details

Dados Pessoais 336.

We've just about finished all the basic concepts and topics. Now we'll concentrate on more practical matters: hotels, restaurants, roads, stores and markets. Let's start by filling in a form with our personal details... very important to know how to do. Usually these forms begin with: **First name** 

Nome nómi

337.

And then: Last name

Sobrenome sobrinómi

338.

Usually you need to write the address where you'll be staying:

**Address** 

Endereço enderésu

339.

Including the street name

nome da rua

nómi da h'úa

340.

house number

número da casa númeru da káza

341.

city

cidade sidádji

342.

postal code

código postal kó:djigu postáw

343.

6.11

And of course, the name of the country: **country** país

país

344.

They usually also want to know your marital status: single or married, divorced or widowed: **Marital status** 

estado civil estádu sivíw

345.

They're also interested in your nationality: Nationality

nacionalidade nasionalidádji

346.

Sometimes they also want to know about your occupational training, even though many people don't work in the profession

they learned... occupation, profession emprego / profissão emprégu / profisáw~ 347. Of course everyone has a ... Date of birth data de nascimento dáta dji nasiméntu 348. Even if you've visited lots of countries on your trip, they usually want to know where you started: Origin of trip origem da viagem oríjey~ da viájey~ 349. And of course they want to know your destination: **Destination** destino destshínu 350. You'll need to indicate the purpose of your visit... business or pleasure... Purpose of your visit motivo da viagem motshívu da viájey~ 351. You should know your passport number by heart or at least write it down somewhere for safekeeping: Passport number número do passaporte númeru du pasapó:h'tshi 352. Flight number número do vôo númeru du vow 353. The date is usually at the end of the form: Date data dáta 354. Yes, it's OK to sign in any language!.. Signature

assinatura asinatúra



#### 12. Hotels

Hotéis

355.

Now that we've landed safely, filled in all the forms and set out as tourists... let's think about the most common situations we may encounter. We'll begin at the hotel. Make a reservation in advance to make sure there's a room... Making Hotel Reservations

Fazendo reservas em hotel

fazéndu h'ezé:h'vaz ey~ hoté:w

356.

If you didn't make a reservation, your first question to the hotel clerk is: **Hello, do you have a vacancy?** 

Olá, tem quarto vago? olá, tey~ kwáh'tu vágu

Talking on the phone, people are more likely to say "Alô" instead of "Olá".

**357**.

Here's the answer you don't want to hear: Sorry, everything's taken

Sinto muito, está tudo ocupado síntu múytu, istá túdu okupádu

**358**.

If you did make a reservation, you can say: I have a reservation

Eu tenho uma reserva ew téñu úma h'ezé:h'va

359.

And if not, try your luck and hope for the best: I don't have a reservation

Eu não tenho reserva ew naw~ téñu h'ezé:h'va

360.

Maybe you need to give more information: I need a room...

Eu preciso de um quarto... Ew presízu dji u~ kwáh'tu

361.

for one night

para uma noite pára úma nóytshi

362.

for two adults and two children

para dois adultos e duas crianças pára doyz adúwtuz i dúas kriánsas

363.

This may sound odd, but based on experience it's a good idea to add: with a bathroom

com banheiro ko~ bañéyru

364

with a single bed or a double bed

com uma cama de solteiro / uma cama de casal ko~ úma káma dji sowtéyru / úma káma dji kazáw

365.

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Where is the room? on the first floor
                      no primeiro andar
                     nu priméyru andá[h']
 366.
Or maybe on the top floor
                       no piso superior
                      nu pízu superió[h']
367.
Do I need to take the stairs to get upstairs
                        andar de cima
                        andáh' dji síma
 368.
Or to get downstairs
                        andar de baixo
                      andáh' dji báyshu
369.
But I have suitcases... Is there an elevator? elevator
                           elevador
                          ele:vadó[h']
 370.
The hotel's location is important for tourists and also affects the
price. A hotel can be downtown, near the train station or in the
suburbs. It's always good to know the hotel's exact address.
Where are you located?
                 Onde você está localizado?
                  óndji vosé istá lokalizádu
371.
If the location isn't clear, you can always ask: How do I get there
from...?
               Como eu chego aí saindo de...?
                 kómu ew shégu aí saíndu dji
"aí" is the place where the person you are talking to is, no
matter how far
 372.
And of course, to avoid any surprises... How much does it cost?
                        Quanto custa?
                         kwántu kústa
 373.
This is not always obvious... Does the price include breakfast?
                O preço inclui café da manhã?
                u présu inklúy kafé: da mañá~
 374.
Let's review meals! first, breakfast
                        café da manhã
                        kafé: da mañá~
 375.
lunch
                            almoço
                           awmósu
 376.
supper
                             jantar
                           jantá[h']
 377.
We've almost forgotten the hotel clerk on the phone... what
should we tell him? We'll take the room! Thank you, I'll be there
by... 4
                  Obrigado, estarei aí até... 4
                  obrigádu, istaréy aí até: 4
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Most countries that welcome tourists have tourist information

378.

questions... Tourist Information Informações Turísticas

informações turisticas informasóy~s turistikas

379.

Fill in the following question as needed: Excuse me, where can I find...?

Com licença, onde posso encontrar...? ko~ lisénsa, óndji pó:su enkontrá[h']

380.

Maybe we'll separate to shop in the market. We need a... **meeting point** 

ponto de encontro póntu dji enkóntru

381.

Perhaps you have a free map of the city mapa da cidade mápa da sidádji

382.

Can you help me find ... a car rental agency uma locadora de veículos úma lokadóra dji veíkulus

383.

Actually, maybe l'd prefer a taxi stand or a bus stop ponto de táxi / ponto de ônibus póntu dji táksi / póntu dji ónibus

384.

A train to...

Um trem para...
u~ trey~ pára



#### 13. Car Rentals

Aluguel de Veículos

Let's assume we're seasoned travelers who know how to get along. We don't need any favors. After arranging a hotel, of course we need a car. **Car Rental** 

Locação de Veículos lokasaw~ dji veículus

Or "Aluguel de Veículos" / "Aluguel de Carros" 386.

The clerk at the car rental agency welcomes us and asks how she can help us. What should we say? **Hello, my name is...** 

Olá, meu nome é... olá, mew nómi e:

387.

Of course I didn't just drop in. I reserved a car

Eu reservei um carro

ew h'ezeh'véy u~ káh'u

388.

Here's my voucher and driver's license

Aqui está meu comprovante e a carteira de habilitação akí istá mew komprovántshi i a kah'téyra dji abilitasáw~ 389.

If you didn't arrange everything in advance.... What cars do you have available?

Que carros você tem disponíveis? ki káh'us vosé tey~ djisponíveis

390.

"<u>I'd like</u> a small automatic car"... "<u>I'd like</u> to return it at the airport"... This is a simple, polite and common request form: **I'd** like...

Eu gostaria de... ew gostaria dji

Whether you drop "Eu" or not is up to you, but you may use it only when the subject is not made clear by context. 391.

I'd like to rent a car for a day / two days

alugar um carro por um dia / dois dias alugár u~ káh'u por u~ djía / doyz djías

392.

Or maybe... to rent a car for a week

alugar um carro por uma semana alugár u~ káh'u por úma semána

393.

You also need to arrange for returning the car: to return the car on...

devolver o carro no/na... devowyér u káh'u nu/na

"no sábado", "no domingo", "na quarta", "na sexta"... A date needs no preposition.
394.

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l'd like to pay by credit card

pagar com cartão de crédito

pagáh' ko~ kah'táw~ dji kré:djitu
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395.

What happens if the car agency only has small cars that can't hold all your luggage? I'd like to upgrade my order

mudar para um carro maior mudáh' pára u~ káh'u mayó[h']

Depending on the city (like Rio, São Paulo) you can say "fazer um uprade". This is often used for flights.
396.

Sometimes you need extras, like a baby car seat or a bicycle carrier. **Does this car have...?** 

Este carro tem...? éstshi káh'u tey~

397.

or, for example: automatic transmission or airconditioning transmissão automática (câmbio automático) / ar condicionado tránsmisáu awtomátshika / ah' kondjisionádu

398.

Let's move on to the price... Does the price include...?

O preço inclui...? u présu inklúy

399.

Of course you're not planning to have an accident. You've come to have a good time. Still, you need to know about **insurance** 

seguro segúru

400.

What's included in the price?.. unlimited kilometrage (mileage) quilometragem ilimitada (quilometragem / milhagem) kilometrájey~ ilimitada (kilometrájey~ / milyájey~) "milhagem" is very used in Brazil, but not with this meaning. Actually it is never used with this meaning. 401.

Sometimes the answer is: This price doesn't include...

Este preço não inclui...

éstshi présu naw~ inklúy

402.

And sometimes you need to put down a deposit. After all, it is a car... a deposit of...

um depósito de... u~ depó:zitu dji

403.

To avoid future unpleasantness, make sure to check the car. "Please make a note that this car has a scratch on the front, a broken headlight and no spare tire..." Please make a note that the car has...

Por favor, anote que este carro tem... poh' favóh', anó:tshi ki éstshi káh'u tey~

404.

a scratch / dent on...

um arranhão / amassado em u~ ah'añaw~ / amasádu ey~

405.

no spare tire

sem estepe sey~ isté:pi

meio tanque de gasolina méyu tánki dji gazolína

407.

Before we leave: Here's a map and a list of our branch offices
Aqui está um mapa e uma lista de nossas filiais
akí istá u~ mapa i úma lista dji nó:sas filiáys
408.

Oops, what have we forgotten? Where's the car?.. The car is...

O carro está...

u káh'u istá

409.

Bon voyage!

Boa viagem! bóa viájey~

410.

Another way of saying this... Have a good trip!

Faça uma boa viagem!

fása úma bóa viájey~





### 14. Friends and Businesses

Amigos e Negócios

We've left the airport, the weather is great, the car is a dream... and we're on our way to meet people. Let's learn a little about **Friends, People and Business** 

Amigos, Pessoas e Negócios amígus, pesóaz i negó: syus

412.

How to present other people and how they present us is the topic of **Introductions** 

Apresentações aprezentasóy~z

413.

I'd like you to meet Mr. [Mrs. / Miss / Ms.]...

Gostaria de apresentar-lhe o Sr. (a Sra. / Senhorita / Srta.)... gostaria dji lyi aprezentár u señó[h'/r] (a señó:ra / a señoríta) 414.

Nice to meet you

Muito prazer múytu prazé[h']

415.

How are you?

Como vai? kómu vay

416.

Usually this doesn't require a detailed answer but just a polite response: **Fine**, **thank you**. **And you?** 

Bem, obrigado. E você? bey~, obrigádu. i vosé

417.

If you want to be less formal, try this: What's new? / How's it going?

E aí? / Tudo beleza? i aí / túdu beléza

418.

**Everything's okay** 

Tudo bem túdu bey~

419.

Sometimes it's good to show interest in close family or friends: **How's... your wife / your husband?** 

Como vai sua esposa / seu marido? kómu vay súa ispóza / sew marídu

You can also say "esposo" for "husband".

Usually a general answer is sufficient: **Thanks for taking an interest** 

Obrigado por perguntar obrigádu poh' peh'guntá[h'] Literally: "Thanks for asking" 421.

Someone may ask you this: What's your name?

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Qual é o seu nome?
                    kwaw e: u sew nómi
422.
You can answer like this: My name is...
                        Meu nome é...
                        mew nómi e:
423.
Ask the following questions only if you feel comfortable and want
to get to know someone better: How old are you?
                  Quantos anos você tem?
                  kwántuz ánus vosé tev~
424.
For years I've been answering like this: I'm 20 years old
                 Tenho vinte anos de idade
                 téñu víntshi ánus dji idádji
You don't really have to say "de idade" at the end.
I was born in 1980
                      Eu nasci em 1980
           ew nasí ey~ miw no:viséntus i oyténta
426.
Where are you from?
                      De onde você é?
                       dji óndji vosé e:
427.
Me? I'm from... (the) ...
                   Eu sou do... [BRASIL]
                     ew sow du [brazíw]
"do Brasil"
"de Portugal"
"da Franca"
"dos EUA"...
428.
Sometimes the conversation flows, and we feel we've known the
other person for years: What do you do for a living?
                  O que você faz da vida?
                    u ki vosé faz da vída
429.
How many children do you have?
                 Quantos filhos você tem?
                  kwántus fílyuz vosé tey~
430.
Here's a possible answer: I have a son and a daughter
                 Tenho um filho e uma filha
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téñu u~ fílyu i úma fílya

431.

Are you here by yourself?

Você está aqui sozinho? vosé istá akí so:zíñu

Eu vim com...

432.

433.

You can go on to tell who came with you... I came with...

ew vi~ ko~

my wife / my husband

minha esposa / meu marido míña ispóza / mew marídu

434. my parents / my children

meus pais / meus filhos mews pays / mews filyus

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435.
Sometimes you need to reveal your marital status: I'm... married 45
                      Eu sou... casado/a
                      ew sow kazádu/a
436.
Or... I'm... single
                     Eu sou... solteiro/a
                    ew sow... sowtéyru/a
 437.
divorced
                         divorciado/a
                        djivoh'siádu/a
438.
widowed
                           viúvo/a
                           viúvu/a
439.
Perhaps they want to know whether you have enough time to
have dinner with them: How long will you be here?
             Quanto tempo você vai ficar aqui?
              kwántu témpu vosé vay fiká[r] akí
440.
Remember? a day / a week / a month
               um dia / uma semana / um mês
               u~ djía / úma semana / u~ mes
441.
So you can explain why you came, start like this: I came...
                           Eu vim...
                            ew vi~
And now the explanation: for a vacation / a visit
                    passar férias / visitar
                  pasáh' fé:ryas / vizitá[h']
443.
to tour / on business
                    passear / a negócios
                    paseá[h'] / negó:syus
444.
They may want to know where you are staying: Where are you
staying?
                Onde você está hospedado?
                  óndji vosé istá ospedádu
445.
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They may propose going out with you: What are you doing this evening?

O que você vai fazer hoje à noite? u ki vosé vay fazé[r] óji a nóytshi

446.

At the end of the conversation, usually mutual friends are mentioned... Regards to...

Dê lembranças a... de lembránsaz a...



# 15. A New Language

**Uma Nova Língua** 

447.

OK, so we've met our friends and said goodbye. Now let's try to cope with problems in the new language. Clearly we won't always be able to make ourselves understood, and we don't really understand everything said to us... we need to know a few sentences to get us out of "jams"! 448.

First, let's find out if you have a language in common: **Do you speak...?** 

Você fala...?

449.

Do you speak English / French?

Inglês / francês inglés / fransés

450.

Spanish / German

Espanhol / Alemão ispañó:w / alemáw~

451.

Italian / Arabic

Italiano / Árabe italiánu / árabi

**452**.

Don't be afraid to say: I speak...

Eu falo... [PORTUGUÊS] ew fálu [poh'tugés]

453.

Asking if anyone speaks your language may seem useless. You may think no one speaks your language, but it never hurts to try: **Does anyone here speak...?** 

Alguém aqui fala...? awgey~ akí fála

454.

Here's a sentence that may elicit sympathy and clearer answers: I understand a bit

Eu entendo um pouco ew inténdu u~ pówku

455.

Don't be shy about asking this: Please speak more slowly

Por favor, fale devagar poh' favóh', fáli djivagá[h']

456.

What did he say? What does this sign mean? Can you translate this for me?

Pode traduzir isto para mim? pó:dji traduzír ístu pára mi~

457.

Indicate exactly what you didn't understand: word / sentence / sign

palavra / frase / placa palavra / frázi / pláka Some signs may be called "painel" or "letreiro".

Just a moment, I'm trying to understand... Can you repeat that?

Pode repetir isso? pó:dji h'epetshír ísu

459.

When you don't understand, don't hesitate to ask someone you trust: What did he/she say?

O que ele/ela disse? u ki éli/é:la djísi

460.

I thought I knew this language, but I see no one can understand my accent. This question will do the trick: **Am I pronouncing this correctly?** 

Estou pronunciando corretamente? istów pronunsiándu koh'e:taméntshi

461

And finally: Do you understand me?

Você me entende? vosé mi inténdji

462.

It's great to be able to answer: I understood everything

Eu entendi tudo ew intendjí túdu

463.

And how sad to say: I didn't understand a thing

Não entendi nada naw~ intendjí náda

464.

Sometimes it's easier when it's written down, like when you need to remember an address or a brand name: Please write it down

Por favor, escreva poh' favor, iskréva

465.

If it can't be written down, for example over the phone... a topic we'll come to soon... you can ask: Can you please spell that

Você pode soletrar? vosé pó:dji soletrá[h']?

466.

To make everyone feel at ease, you can say thank you and... **Now I understand** 

Agora eu entendo ago:ra ew inténdu



#### 16. Phone Conversations

**Conversas Telefônicas** 

467.

In face-to-face conversations, ...use your hands or facial expressions, or even ask a casual passerby to translate for you... but what can you do on the phone? **Telephone Conversations** 

Conversas Telefônicas konvé:h'sas telefônikas

468.

Here's how a phone conversation goes: the phone rings and someone answers (pay attention to how they say "hello"). When you're looking for someone specific: **Hello**, **may I please speak with...?** 

Alô, por favor, posso falar com...? aló, poh' favóh', pó:su faláh' ko~ vosé

469.

Maybe you want to identify yourself first: Hello, this is...

Alô, aqui é... aló, akí e:

470.

Things don't always go as smoothly as you'd like: **Excuse me**, **but...** 

Desculpe, mas... deskúwpi, mas

471.

I'm having trouble hearing you: I can't hear you
Não estou ouvindo você
naw∼ istów owyíndu vosé

472.

Here, too, you can always ask the other person to speak slower: please speak more slowly

por favor, fale mais devagar poh' favóh', fáli mays djivagá[h']

473.

Sometimes you need to call the operator, who might ask: What is the dialing code for...?

Qual é o código de área para...? kwaw e: u kó:djigu dji árya para

474.

It's always good to know how they pronounce the name of your country... (the) ...

[BRASIL] brazíw

475.

Sometimes you need to leave a message: May I please leave a message for Mr. [Mrs./ Ms.]...?

Por favor, posso deixar um recado para o Sr. (a Sra./ a Srta.)...?

poh' favoh', pó:su deyshár u~ h'ekádu pára o señó[h'] (a señó:ra / a señoríta)

What should you say? Please tell him that Mr.... called him Por favor, diga a ele que o Sr.... ligou para ele

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poh' favoh', djíga a éli ki u señó[h'] ... ligów pára éli
477.
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Here's another option, for the women among us: Please say that

49

Mrs. / Ms.... called her

Por favor, diga que a Sra. / Srta.... ligou para ela poh' favóh', djíga ki a señó:ra / señoríta ... ligów pára é:la 478.

Are you managing? How's it doing? Can we continue? OK, let's go on! 479.

And how could we ever do without our... Mobile or Cellular **Phones** 

Celulares / Dispositivos Móveis

seluláris / djispozitshívuz mó:veyz "Celular" is the most common in Brazil. In Portugal, they say "telemóvel"

480. At the end of a meeting, if you want to stay in touch: What's your mobile phone number?

Qual é o número do seu celular? kwaw e: u númeru du sew selulá[h']

481.

Mobile or land line? Where are you? Where are you calling from?.. - I'm calling from the airport. I'll be at the hotel in an hour... Right now I'm speaking from...

No momento, estou falando de...

nu moméntu, istów falándu dji 482.

I'm speaking from my car

meu carro mew káh'u

the airport

483.

484.

o aeroporto u aeropóh'tu

the hotel lobby

o saguão do hotel u sagwaw~ du oté:w

You can also use the english word "lobby" or the word "átrio" 485.

The reception here is bad. I can barely hear you Eu mal consigo ouvir você. ew maw konsígu owvíh' vosé

486.

It's important to know how to find someone's phone number and emergency numbers. What's the phone number of ...?

Qual é o número do telefone de...?

kwaw e: u númeru du telefóni dji

487.

What's the phone number of... the police department a delegacia de polícia a delegasía dji polísya 488.

What's the phone number of... the fire department o corpo de bombeiros u kóh'pu dji bombéyrus

Don't stand on the sidelines if you hear someone crying out: Help!

Socorro! sokóh'u

490.

Even though we'd rather not, just in case we need to know... **Mobile Intensive Care Unit** 

UTI Móvel u te i mó:vew Unidade de Terapia Intensiva Móvel unidádji dji terapia intensíva mó:vew

491.

Don't panic, but... This is an emergency!
Isto é uma emergência!
ístu e: úma emeh'jénsya





### 17. Restaurants and Food

Restaurantes e Alimentação

Now that we have all the words for emergencies, we can relax and finally begin our trip. What's on the agenda? food, travel, shopping... Where should we begin? With food, of course! **Restaurants and Food** 

Restaurantes e Alimentação

h'estawrántshiz i alimentasáw~

493.

It's a good idea to make a reservation: Making Reservations **Fazendo Reservas** fazéndu h'eze:h'vas

494.

It can be over the phone: Hello, is there a table available this evening?

Alô, tem uma mesa disponível para hoje à noite? aló, tey~ úma méza djisponívew pára óji a nóytshi

Usually you'll be asked: For how many?

Para quantas pessoas? Pára kwántas pesóas

496.

For example: I'd like to reserve a table for... eight o'clock for... four people

Eu gostaria de reservar uma mesa para... as oito horas para... quatro pessoas

ew gostaria dji h'ezeh'vár úma méza pára... az óytu ó:rãs pára... kwátru pesóas

Too bad: Sorry, everything's taken

Desculpe, estão todas ocupadas deskúwpi, istaw~ tódaz okupádas

498.

Sometimes it's easier after the rush: They have a table but Only at... nine o'clock

> Somente às... nove horas so:méntshi az... nó:vi ó:ras

499.

Today in many countries this question is no longer relevant: Smoking or non-smoking?

> Fumante ou não-fumante? fumántshi ow naw~ fumántshi

**500**.

OK, we've finally arrived and we've reserved a table. How do we make ourselves known: We have a reservation

> Temos uma reserva témuz úma h'ezé:h'va

501.

The hostess or waitress will lead us to our table: Please have a seat here

> Por favor, sentem-se aqui poh' favóh', séntey~si akí

Before we sit down, maybe we'll want to ask: Where's the restroom?

Onde é o banheiro? óndji e: u bañéyru

503.

We've been sitting here for twenty minutes... where did the waiter disappear to? **Waiter!** 

Garçom! gah'só~

**504**.

The menu, please

O cardápio, por favor u kah'dápyu poh' favó[h']

The word "menu" is also used. 505.

For some reason we trust the waiter, and we ask him what he recommends... What do you recommend?

O que você recomenda? u ki vosé h'ekoménda

506.

On the other hand, he might ask: What would you like to order?

O que você gostaria de pedir? u ki vosé gostaría dji pedjí[h']

507. \_

Even though each person has different preferences, the waiter will usually say: This is highly recommended!

Isto é muito recomendado!

ístu e: múytu h'ekomendádu

508.

I'll have soup... Before going into detail, you usually say I'll have...

Eu vou querer... ew vow keré[h']

509.

What did you order? That's what I want too... I'll have the same...

Eu vou querer o mesmo...

ew vow keré[r] u mézmu

**510**.

That's all for now. If we want more, we'll order it later... **That's all for now** 

É só isso por enquanto e: so: ísu por enkwántu

Por enquanto Por agora

Por ora

This restaurant has more than food... What would you like to drink?

Gostaria de algo para beber? gostaria dji áwgu pára bebé[h']

**512**.

513.

514.

I'll have...

Eu vou querer...

Ew vow keré[r/h']

mineral water

água mineral ágwa mineráw

cold tap water

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água fria da torneira
                   ágwa fria da toh'néyra
 515.
orange juice / apple juice
               suco de laranja / suco de maçã
               súkó dji laránja / súkó dji masá
 516.
These drinks sound the same all over the world: cola / soda /
lemonade
                   coca / soda / limonada
                   kó:ka / só:da / limonáda
Americans use "soda" or "pop" for "soft drink". With this
meaning, it is "refrigerante" in Portuguese, and Brazilians
ofen shorten it to "refri". The word "soda" in Portuguese is
a specific kind of drink.
Wow, that was good. Another glass please!
                   Outro copo, por favor!
                  ówtru kó:pu poh' favo[h']
 518.
And if you want some more: I'd like some more...
              Eu gostaria de mais um pouco...
               ew gostaría dji mayz u~ pówku
 519.
Have you had enough? Yes. That will be all, thank you
                   Será só isso, obrigado
                    será so: ísu, obrigádu
 520.
There are two expressions that always set a good tone for a
meal. One is: Cheers!
                            Saúde!
                            saúdji
 521.
And the other is: bon appétit!
                         bom apetite!
                       bo~ apetshitshi
 522.
We've eaten our fill, and the chef wants to know how it was: How
was it?
                        Como estava?
                         kómu istáva
 523.
What should we say?.. Excellent!
                          Excelente!
                          eseléntshi
 524.
It won't hurt to make him feel good: The meal was delicious
                 A comida estava deliciosa
                  a komída istáva delisió:za
 525.
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The hand motion to ask for the check is universal. Still, it's more polite to ask for it: The check, please

A conta, por favor a kónta, poh' favo[h']

How much is the bill?

Quanto é a conta? kwántu e: a kónta

526.

If this is written on the check, you'll understand the hint: **Service** not included

Serviço não incluso seh'vísu naw~ inklúzu

**528**.

You can personally give your tip to the waiter: **This is for you.**Thanks

Isto é para você. Obrigado ístu e: pára vosé. obrigádu





#### 18. Taxis

Táxis

We enjoyed our meal, but now it's raining outside and we want to go back to the hotel. What do we look for? Of course... a taxi

táxi táksi

**530**.

Before we leave the restaurant we can ask at the desk: **Please** order me a taxi

Por favor, chame um táxi para mim poh' favóh', shámi u~ táksi pára mi~

**531**.

When ordering a taxi, you usually need to say where you want to go: Where do you want to go?

Aonde você quer ir? aóndji vosé ke:[r] i[h']

**532**.

The answer: I'm going to...

Eu vou para ew vow pára

533.

How far away is it? How far is it to ...?

Qual é a distância (para) ...?

kwaw e: a djistánsya

534.

How long will it take to get to ...?

Quanto tempo demora para chegar a...? kwántu témpu demó:ra pára shegár a

**535**.

It's a good idea to find out the taxi fare in advance: How much will it cost to get to...?

Quanto custa pra chegar a...? kwántu kústa pra shegár a

**536**.

What's the fare?

Quanto é a corrida? kwántu e: a koh'ída

**537**.

And don't let anyone cheat you: Please turn on the meter
Por favor, ligue o taxímetro
poh' favoh', lígi u taksímetru

**538**.

Please take me to... the national museum: Please take me...

Por favor, me leve... poh' favor, mi lé:vi

539.

Please take me to this address: to this address

a este endereço a éstshi enderésu

**540**.

downtown

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aw séntru
 541.
to the airport
                         ao aeroporto
                        aw aeropóh'tu
 542.
to the... hotel
                           ao... hotel
                           aw oté:w
 543.
Sometimes you need to give the driver directions: Go... straight
                           Vá... reto
                            va h'é:tu
544.
Turn... right
                        Vire... à direita
                         víri a djiréyta
 545.
No! Sorry... Turn... left
                       Vire... à esquerda
                         víri a iskéh'da
 546.
Keep going straight... until the next turn
                      até a próxima curva
                     até: a pró:sima kurva
 547.
I'm in a big hurry. Go straight to the hotel. I'm in a hurry
                       Estou com pressa
                       Istów ko~ pré:sa
548.
But between you and me, it's more likely you'll say: Please drive
more slowly
                  Por favor, vá mais devagar
               poh' favoh', va mayz djivagá[h']
 549.
Thanks, we're here. Please stop...
                       Por favor, pare...
                       poh' favoh', páre
 550.
Where exactly?... here
                              aqui
                               akí
 551.
after the traffic light
                     depois do semáforo
                     depóyz du semáforu
In some cities people say "sinal" instead of "semáforo".
at the corner
                          na esquina
                           na iskína
 553.
near that house
                      perto daquela casa
                     pé:h'tu daké:la káza
 554.
Before getting out of the taxi: How much do I owe you?
                     Quanto eu lhe devo?
                      kwántu ew lyi dévu
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555.

ao centro





## 19. Public Transportation

**Transporte Público** 

556.

When you don't have a car, and even when you do, there's nothing like public transportation for getting to know a city. For example, take the train or the bus. **Train / Bus** 

Trem / Ônibus trey~ / ónibus

557

If you can't find something, the simplest thing is to ask: Where's the... train / bus station, please?

Onde é a... estação de trem / parada de ônibus, por favor? óndji e: a istasáw~ dji trey~ / paráda dji ônibus, poh' favo[h'] 558.

How do I get to the flea market? How do I get to the opera house? How do I get to...?

Como chego a...? kómu shégu a

559.

You'll usually get a direct answer: Take train / bus number...

Pegue o trem / ônibus número... pé:gi u trey~ / ônibus númeru

560.

When does the *last* bus leave? When does the *next* bus leave? When does the... bus leave?

Quando sai o... ônibus? kwándu say u ónibus

561.

Here are some useful words, some of which we learned as ordinal numbers: **next / first / last** 

próximo / primeiro / último pró:sima / priméyru / úwtshimu

562.

Sometimes the transport maps are so complicated, and all I want to know is: Where should I get off?

Onde eu vou descer? óndji ew vow desé[h']

563.

If I missed my stop: What's the next stop?

Qual é a próxima parada? kwaw e: a pró:sima paráda

**564**.

This is usually a question children ask on any trip that's longer than 10 minutes. But when you're abroad you can ask it as well: When will we get to...?

Quando chegaremos a...? kwándu shegarémus a



# 20. Shopping

Compras 565.

A trip abroad without going shopping? No such thing! Shopping

Compras kómpras

566.

You can shop in a store, in a stall at the market, or at a mall:

store

loja ló:ja

567.

shopping center

shopping center sho:piv~ sénteh'

shó:piy~ sénteh'
You can say only "shopping". This is what Brazilians call a mall.

**568**.

market

feira féyra

569.

If there's a flea market, it offers the most amazing shopping experience: **flea market** 

mercado de pulgas meh'kádu dji púwgas

**570**.

Who can help us? The salesperson

vendedor / vendedora vendedóh' / vendedóra

571.

And who can help us if we have complaints? The manager

gerente geréntshi

**572**.

Most signs usually have clear international symbols, but it's still good to know how to say: **entrance** 

entrada entráda

**573**.

exit

saída saída

**574**.

And especially important: emergency exit saída de emergência saída dji emeh'jénsya

575.

Here's a few more useful terms when you're shopping: **display** window

vitrine vitrini

**576.** checkout caixa káysha 577. We need help. Here's someone who doesn't look like a tourist... You can politely ask: Excuse me, do you work here? Com licença você trabalha aqui? ko~ lisénsa, vosé trabálya akí 578. Sometimes you need advice from the salesperson: Can you help me for a moment? Pode me ajudar um momento? pó:dji mi ajudár u~ moméntu 579. Professional salespeople will usually ask you first: How can I help you sir? How can I help you madam? Posso ajudar, senhor? pó:su ajudáh', señó[h'] Posso ajudar, senhora? pó:su ajudáh', señó:ra 580. And perhaps the salesperson will be a bit more blunt: What are you looking for? O que você está procurando? u ki vosé istá prokurándu Now it's time to describe exactly what we want, exactly what we had in mind: I'm looking for something... smaller Estou procurando algo... menor istów prokurándu áwgu menó:[h'] 582. Or maybe... something larger algo maior áwgu mayó:[h'] 583. Here's another possibility: Something... less expensive menos caro ménus káru 584. Or something... of higher quality de melhor qualidade dji melyóh' kwalidádji 585. Or simply: just like I saw in the window igual ao que vi na vitrine igwáw aw ki vi na vitríni 586. And then there's that typical shopper's answer that I'm sure

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you've often said: I'm just looking

Estou só olhando istów so: olyándu

If you're lucky: This is exactly what I've been looking for! É exatamente isto que eu estou procurando! e: izataméntshi ístu ki ew istów prokurándu

You can simply admit: I like this

Gostei deste gostéy déstshi

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There's no shame in saying politely: I don't like this Não gostei deste naw~ gostéy déstshi 590. Or you can leave politely: Thanks, but this isn't what I'm looking for Obrigado, mas não é o que estou procurando obrigádu, mas naw~ e: u ki istów prokurándu 591. At some point you'll have to pay, and what a price! How much does it cost? Quanto custa? kwántu kústa 592. You can hope they'll take a subtle hint:... Is there a discount? Tem desconto? tey~ djiskóntu 593. What different does the price make, so long as it's on sale? Is it on sale? Está em promoção? istá ey~ promosáw~ 594. Too bad! It's too expensive for me É muito caro para mim e: múytu káru pára mi~ 595. On second thought, why not? We're not here every day. Let's go for it... especially after the salesperson took the trouble to take it down, put it back, take it out again... I'll take it, I'll buy it! Vou levar, vou comprar! vow levá[h'], vow komprá[h'] 596. Where can I pay? Onde posso pagar? óndji pó:su pagá[h'] 597. The checkout is... over there O caixa é... ali u káysha e: alí "ali" is usually less far than "lá" 598. I'll pay with a credit card Vou pagar com cartão de crédito

vow pagá[h'] ko~ kah'táw~ dji kré:djitu

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Here's your change

Aqui está seu troco akí istá sew tróku

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Here's your receipt

Aqui está seu recibo akí istá sew h'esíbu