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Lesson 2

APRENDENDO O ALFABETO



Português - A1



IN THIS LESSON, WE WILL



learn the letters and important symbols.

1



practice the sound of the vowels.

2



learn new words and talk about your email.

3

VOCÊ SABIA?

- The Portuguese alphabet is based on the Latin alphabet and consists of 26 letters.
- Among the 26 letters, 5 are vowels and 21 are consonants.
- Like English, Portuguese has 5 vowel letters. However, these 5 vowels represent 9 distinct vowel sounds.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S,
T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z



O ALFABETO



A

(a)

Abraço
(hug)

C

(cê)

Casa
(house)

E

(ê or é)

Escola
(school)

close sound



open sound

B

(bê)

Bebê
(baby)

D

(dê)

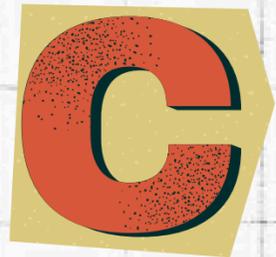
Dinheiro
(money)

F

(efe)

Fruta
(fruit)

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER C



- Before A, O, U: Similar to English "k" as in "cat."
- Before E, I: Similar to English "s" as in "cent."

Ca

Ce

Ci

Co

Cu

casa (house)

cereal (cereal)

cinema (cinema)

cor (color)

cultura (culture)



CE

RE

AL

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER D



- Similar to English "d" as in "dog."
- D + I always sounds like "gee"
- D + E at the end of a word also sounds like "gee"

Da
De
Di
Do
Du

dar (to give)
dentes (teeth)
diamante (diamond)
dor (pain)
durante (during)



DI A MAN TE

O ALFABETO



G

(gê)

Gato

(cat)

I

(i)

Ilha

(island)

K

(ka)

Kiwi

(kiwi)

*silent
consonant*

H

(agá)

Homem

(man)

J

(jota)

Jantar

(dinner)

L

(ele)

Lápis

(pencil)

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER G



- Before A, O, U: Similar to English "g" as in "go."
- Before E, I: Similar to the "zh" sound in "measure."

Ga

Ge

Gi

Go

Gu

gato

(cat)

gente

(people)

girassol

(sunflower)

governo

(government)

Gustavo

(first name)



GEN

TE

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER H



H

- In Brazilian Portuguese, the letter "H" is silent, meaning it is not pronounced.

Ha

He

Hi

Ho

Hu

hábito

(habit)

herói

(hero)

higiene

(hygiene)

hora

(hour/time)

humano

(human)



HU

MA

NO

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER J



- Similar to English "zh" as in "measure"

Ja

Je

Ji

Jo

Ju

jardim

(garden)

jeito

(manner/way)

jiu-jítsu

(jiu-jitsu)

jovem

(young)

juíz

(judge)



JAR

DIM

O ALFABETO



M

(eme)

Mochila
(backpack)

O

close sound

(ô or ó)

Orelha
(ear)

open sound

P

(pê)

Parede
(wall)

N

(ene)

Nariz
(nose)

AVÔ X AVÓ

(grandfather)

(grandmother)

Q

(quê)

Queijo
(cheese)

O ALFABETO



R

(erre)

Rosa

(rose)

T

(te)

Tarefa

(homework)

V

(vê)

Vaca

(cow)

S

(esse)

Sol

(sun)

U

(u)

Uvas

(grapes)

W

(dábliu)

Wi-fi

(wi-fi)

O ALFABETO



X

(xis)

Xícara

(cup)

Z

(zê)

Zebra

(zebra)

Y

(ípsilon)

Yoga

(yoga)

O alfabeto

A (a)	J (jota)	S (esse)
B (bê)	K (cá)	T (tê)
C (cê)	L (ele)	U (u)
D (dê)	M (eme)	V (vê)
E (é)	N (ene)	W (dáblio)
F (efe)	O (ó)	X (xis)
G (gê)	P (pê)	Y (ípsilon)
H (agá)	Q (quê)	Z (zê)
I (i)	R (erre)	



VOCÊ SABIA?

- The letters K, W and Y are normally not used in Portuguese native speaking words, except for chemical references and abbreviations for distances (Km) or weights (kg).
- The letter H is silent.
- There's also Çç, which is C with a *cedilla* (Spanish word) and appropriately called C-cedilha or C-cedilhado.

Cabeça

(head)

Preço

(price)

Açúcar

(sugar)





SOLETRAR EM PORTUGUÊS

Spelling in Portuguese



Como se soletra o seu nome?

How do you spell your name?



O meu nome se soletra...

My name is spelled...



Como se soletra/ Soletra pra mim?

How is it spell?/ Spell it for me

SPELLING GAME!

- It's time for a little game. Take a moment to write down the words that I am going to spell. At the end of the game, I will reveal the words.

Our first word is...



SAMBA!

Samba is a lively and rhythmic Brazilian music and dance style with African roots, known for its syncopated beats and expressive movements. It plays a central role in Brazil's culture, especially during Carnival.



FEIJOADA!

Feijoada is a traditional Brazilian stew made with black beans and a variety of pork cuts, often served with rice, collard greens, and orange slices. It is considered a national dish.



O MEU EMAIL É...



Want to sound like a native Brazilian when saying your email? Try these pronunciations:

email: eh-mayuu

gmail: zhe-mayuu

hotmail: hawchee-mayuu

yahoo: yahuu

outlook: outchii-luukii



(ponto)



(ahobah)



(underlinee)



COMO SE ESCREVE...



Você pode soletrar o seu nome e sobrenome, por favor?

O meu nome completo é...

Ótimo! E qual é o seu email?

informally,
we ask
"how do you
write it..?"



HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER Q



- Always followed by U.
- Before A and O it is similar to English "kw" and quest before E and I, it sounds like English "k".

Qua
Que
Qui
Quo

Quatro (four)
Queijo (cheese)
Quinze (fifteen)
Quota (quota, fee)



QUE

I

JO

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER R



R

- It sounds similar to the "tt" in "butter" (when pronounced with a relaxed American accent).
- At the beginning of a word, it sounds like the "h" in English.

Ra

Re

Ri

Ro

Ru

Rato

(rat)

Relógio

(watch)

Favorito

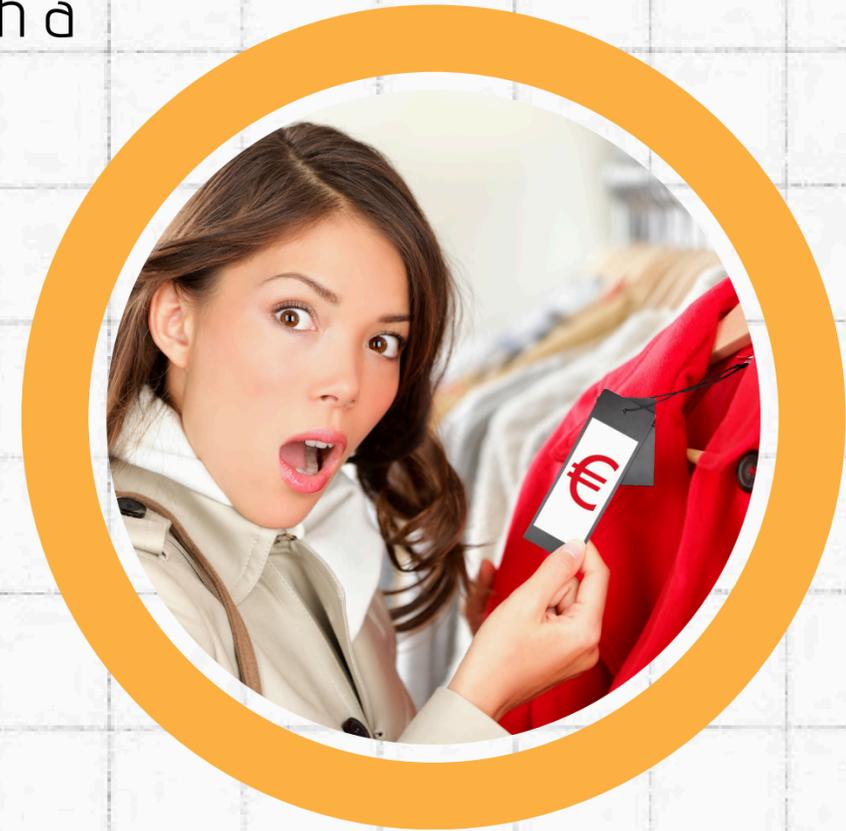
(favorite)

Caro

(expensive)

Rua

(street)



CA

RO

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER RR



RR

- Double R always sounds like H in English.

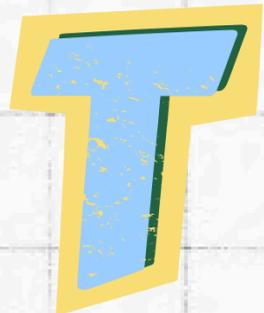


CA RO

X

CA RRO

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER T



- Similar to English "t" as in "travel"
- T + I or T + E at the end of and at the beginning of words sounds like "chee"

Ta

Te

Ti

To

Tu

tarde

(afternoon)

telefone

(telephone)

tinta

(ink)

tomate

(tomato)

tucano

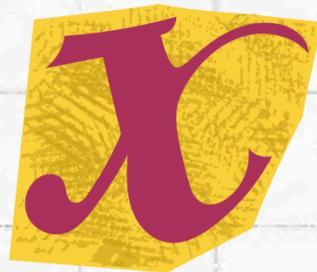
(tucan)



TAR

DE

HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE LETTER X



- Similar to English "sh".

Xa

Xe

Xi

Xo

Xu

xadrez (chess)

xerife (sheriff)

xícara (tea cup)

xote (a Brazilian dance)

Xuxa (Brazilian personality)



XÍ CA RA

VOCÊ SABIA?

- In Portuguese, when a vowel is followed by the letters -n or -m, it creates a nasal sound. This means that the air flows through the nose while pronouncing the vowel.

AM

EM

IM

OM

UM

AN

EN

IN

ON

UN

ON

DA

BEM



VOCÊ SABIA?

- The letter L at the end of the syllable will sound like U

AL

EL

IL

OL

UL

PAS

TEL



VOCÊ SABIA?

- In Brazil, the pronunciation of vowels followed by the letter R varies significantly depending on the region, resulting in different accents:
 - **Rio de Janeiro (Carioca Accent):** In this accent, the R is pronounced softly. The word carne may sound like "cah-nee," with a smoother transition between the sounds.



CAR

NE

VOCÊ SABIA?

- **São Paulo (Capital Accent):** In the capital, the R is pronounced more clearly and firmly, making it sound closer to "kar-nee," with a stronger emphasis on the R.
- **“Caipira” Accent:** In the countryside, the R can take on a slightly guttural quality, but it remains softer than in the capital. Notably, the R in this accent is pronounced very similarly to the American pronunciation of the letter "R".

AR

ER

IR

OR

UR



VOCÊ SABIA?

- In Portuguese, the pronunciation of gu varies depending on the vowel that follows it. Before A and O, it is pronounced like the English "gw". When followed by E and I, it sounds like the English "gh" as in "ghetto".

GUA

GUE

GUI

GUO



GUE

RRA



Á

GUA

VOCÊ SABIA?

- The combination "nh" produces a nasal sound similar to the English "ny" in the word "canyon". This sound is consistent in words like "sonho" (dream). The "nh" is pronounced by placing the tongue against the roof of the mouth, creating a unique nasal quality that is a characteristic of Portuguese phonetics!



NHA

NHE

NHI

NHO

NHU

SO

NHO

VOCÊ SABIA?

- The combination "lh" creates a sound similar to the English "ly" in "million". This pronunciation is consistent in words like filho (son).



LHA

LHE

LHI

LHO

LHU

FI

LHO

A LETRA S



S sounds like z when it is in the middle of two vowels:



Casa

House

SS in the middle of two vowels sounds like S:



Pássaro

Bird

X sounds like z when it is in the middle of two vowels:



Exercício

Excercise

A LETRA X



X sounds like S when:

- X is before the letter P;
- X is before the letter T;
- X is before the letter C; or
- X is after AU:



Experiência
Experience



Texto
Text



Excelente
Excellent



Auxiliar
To help/ assist

Finally, X sounds just like English (ks sound) in many words that come from English or Latin.



Fixo
Fixed



Táxi
Taxi



Tórax
Thorax

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and see you next class!