21 Basic Portuguese Phrases You Definitely Want to Learn



1. Oi/Olá - Hi or Hello

Saying hi to someone is the best way to start chatting! Try saying Oi! next time you meet someone new.

2. Bom Dia - Good Morning

We all want to start the morning on a good note. Mastering this phrase will help you do just that.

3. Boa Tarde – Good Afternoon

If you walk into a shop in the afternoon and want to greet the store owner, consider saying boa tarde!

4. Boa Noite - Good Night

The day has come to an end. End it well with a simple boa noite.

5. Prazer – Nice to meet you

This phrase will help you stay polite in all of your interactions.

6. Por favor - Please

What's the magic word? Please is a helpful phrase to master in any language.

7. De nada - You're welcome

Staying cordial to those you meet will leave them with a great impression. Remember to say de nada after somebody thanks you!

8. Obrigada/o – Thank you

You can use this at restaurants, museums, or a new friend's house. Thank you is always in style!

9. Qual é o seu nome? - What is your name?

Names are part of who we are. Learning somebody's name will turn them from a stranger into a new friend.

10. O meu nome é or Me chamo... - My name is...

Help people get to know you! By telling others your name, you'll be on your way to building lasting relationships.

11. Tudo bem? - How are you?

All good? Checking in with someone lets them know you care.



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12. Como vai? - How's it going?

Keep it casual with a simple como vai?

13. Eu estou bem – I am good

If you want to answer someone when they ask how you are, let them know you are good with eu estou bem.

14. E você / E tú? - And you?

The former is used in Brazil and the latter is used in Portugal and sometimes in Brazil. Adding this into a sentence will let the other person know you are interested in how they are too.

15. Até amanhã - See you tomorrow

Let your new friends know you'll see them soon by saying até amanhã.

16. Estou com fome – I am hungry

Food is a staple of any culture. If you're hungry, you'll surely have a bunch of delicious options to choose from.

17. Eu não sei – I don't know

Sometimes it's best to just be honest. By admitting you don't know something, you'll open yourself up to new knowledge.

18. Sim / não - Yes / no

Keep it short and sweet with these two critical words.

19. Com licença – Excuse me

Stay cordial when moving through crowded streets with com licença.

20. Que horas são? - What time is it?

Forgot your phone at home? Ask someone on the street for the time!

21. Eu estou aprendendo Português – I am learning Portuguese

Locals will be thrilled to find out that you are learning Portuguese, so make sure to let them know!

