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Finally, 100 Portuguese Flash Cards will help you contextualize the verbs from Unit 3. Each verb comes with two related words for its quick use, as well as a number from 1 to 100.

Print them out, cut them and keep them always at hand. (The bathroom is my favorite classroom! 😊) You will realize that learning Portuguese is **not** rocket science!

These can make it easier and faster for you to learn the Portuguese language. They represent more than 50% of the vocabulary used in every-day speech. I sincerely hope your 'language journey' may be much easier than mine was.

Now it's your turn:

Grab your favorite beverage and a highlighter (if you've already printed your copy! 😊), throw yourself on the sofa... and join me in this learning adventure!

Unless your house gets on fire or the landlord requests it back, read this Ebook in full. Later, choose any unit you want, take a deep breath and dive in.

As you know, every meaningful thing in life has a price – and its own value. When I started studying English, I faced several challenges (except a fire or an impatient landlord!) However, true friends enabled me to push forward with my studying plans.

That's why I must care about your progress. Someone has done it for me first.

Let me emphasize that I am not the author of the words, sentences or techniques here presented. I am just a daily user. So, if anyone blames me that I've used other peoples' ideas, never mind...

**...I surely did. 😊**

The next thing to saying a good thing yourself, is to quote one.

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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A friend is one before whom I may think aloud.

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Unit 01 – The Most Common Portuguese Phrases

***Do you know what to say at a Graduation? Congratulations!  
Have you ever been speechless at a Funeral Service? I'm Sorry...***

According to where, when or whom you are with, some phrases are likely to be said or heard. Have you ever heard the following?

- Will you marry me?
- One moment, please.
- Have you got change for a 50?
- How do you spell your last name?
- Is there a bathroom around here?
- Do you want to leave a message?
- What time does the next bus leave?
- Now you may kiss the bride!

I still remember the first – and only – time I heard this last sentence. What an unforgettable evening!☺

Whether you are dating a Portuguese speaker, learning the language for business purposes, or planing to spend your next vacation in Brazil, these sentences will surely help you improve your communication skills.

Any comments will be warmly welcomed at the [www.learn-portuguese-now.com](http://www.learn-portuguese-now.com) contact form.

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**A. Greetings / Cumprimentos**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
01	Good morning. How are you today?	Bom dia. Como vai, tudo bem?
02	How are you?	Como vai?
03	What time is it?	Que horas são?
04	What day is it today?	Que dia é hoje?
05	Where are you going?	Aonde você vai?
06	Where do you live?	Onde você mora?
07	Where do you work?	Onde você trabalha?
08	What's your phone number?	Qual é o seu telefone?
09	How many siblings do you have?	Quantos irmãos você tem?
10	Is everything all right?	Tudo bem com você?

**B. Useful Expressions / Expressões Úteis**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
11	I think so.	Acho que sim.
12	I don't think so.	Eu acho que não.
13	I believe so.	Acredito que sim.
14	I still don't know. / I don't know yet.	Ainda não sei.
15	Thank you very much.	Muito obrigado.
16	You're welcome.	De nada. Sempre às ordens.
17	Any time.	Sempre às ordens.
17	Excuse me?	Com licença?
18	I'm sorry.	Desculpe.
19	One moment, please.	Um momento, por favor.
20	No problem.	Não tem problema.

**C. Language Help / Uma Mãozinha Na Conversação**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
21	Can you repeat that, please?	Pode repetir, por favor?
22	Sorry. I didn't understand...	Desculpe, eu não entendi...
23	Can you speak slower, please?	Pode falar mais devagar, por favor?
24	How do you say 'pen' in Portuguese?	Como se diz 'pen' em português?
25	What does 'lever' mean?	O que quer dizer 'lever'?
26	Can you say it again, please?	Fale de novo, por favor.
27	Say it one more time, please.	Fale mais uma vez, por favor.

**D. Directions / Informações**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
28	Can you tell me where the nearest post office is?	Pode me dizer onde fica o correio mais próximo?
29	Excuse me. Is there a drugstore nearby?	Com licença. Tem alguma farmácia aqui perto?
30	How can I get to the bus station?	Como é que eu chego na rodoviária?
31	Where is the bus stop? Is it far from here?	Onde fica o ponto do ônibus? É longe daqui?
32	Turn left. / Turn right. Go straight ahead.	Vire à esquerda. Vire à direita. Siga em frente.
33	It's right on the corner.	Fica bem na esquina.
34	May I use the bathroom?	Posso usar o banheiro?
35	Sure. It's upstairs.	Claro. É no andar de cima.
36	Where can I exchange some dollars?	Onde eu posso trocar alguns dólares?

**E. Introductions / Apresentações**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
37	What's your name?	Qual é o seu nome?
38	My name is Gusmim.	Eu me chamo Gusmim.
39	Let me introduce you to some friends...	Deixa eu te apresentar uns amigos...
40	This is my boyfriend / husband.	Esse é <b>meu</b> namorado / marido
41	This is my girlfriend / wife.	Essa é <b>minha</b> namorada / esposa
42	Nice to meet you.	Prazer em conhecê-lo (a).
43	Nice to meet you, too.	O prazer é meu.
44	Do you speak English / Portuguese?	Você fala inglês / português?
45	Just / Only a little bit.	Só um pouquinho.
46	Where are you from?	De onde você é?
47	I am American.	Sou americano (a).
48	Are you Brazilian?	Você é brasileiro (a)?
49	I am from Canada.	Sou do Canadá.

**F. Meeting People / Conhecendo Pessoas**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
50	What do you do?	O que você faz?
51	How old are you?	Quantos anos você tem?
52	How are you gonna pay?	Como você vai pagar?
53	Where do you work?	Onde você trabalha?

54	How long have you been in Brazil?	Há quanto tempo você está no Brasil?
55	Where do you live?	Onde você mora?
56	When is your birthday?	Quando é o seu aniversário?
57	How old is he?	Qual é a idade dele?
58	Would you like to go out with me?	Quer sair comigo?
59	Do you wanna dance?	Vamos dançar?
60	Let's go to the movies?	Vamos ao cinema?
61	Are you married?	Você é casada?
62	Do you have a boyfriend?	Você tem namorado?

### G. Money / Dinheiro

	English	Português
63	Where can I exchange some money?	Onde eu posso trocar dinheiro?
64	Do you have change for a 50? (fifty)	Você tem troco pra 50? (cinquenta)
65	What's the exchange rate today?	Qual é a cotação do dólar pra hoje?
66	Can you cash a check for me?	Você troca um cheque pra mim?

### H. Going Shopping / Fazendo Compras

	English	Português
67	Can I help you?	Pois não?
68	Thank you. I am just looking...	Obrigado (a), estou só olhando...
69	How much is that wallet?	Quanto custa essa carteira?
70	I'd like to see some cellphones...	Eu queria ver um celular...
71	How much is that one?	Quanto custa aquele lá?
73	It's expensive!	Tá caro!
74	How much is the discount?	De quanto é o desconto?
75	Have you got a cheaper one?	Você tem um mais barato?
76	I want to pay in cash.	Quero pagar em dinheiro.
77	Do you know where I can find one?	Você sabe onde eu posso encontrar uma?
78	Will you pay with a credit card or in cash?	Vai pagar em cartão ou em dinheiro?
79	Can I pay with a credit card?	Posso pagar com cartão?
80	I will take that one.	Vou levar este aqui.
81	Do you want the receipt?	Vai querer a notinha?

**I. Taxi / Táxi**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
81	How much is the fare to Maracanã?	Quanto fica até o Maracanã?
82	I want to go to the Copacabana Hotel.	Quero ir ao Hotel Copacabana.
83	Turn on the next right, please.	A próxima à direita, por favor.
84	Turn on the second left, please.	A segunda à esquerda, por favor.
85	Turn right.	Dobre à direita.
86	How much is the fare?	Quanto é a corrida?

**J. Airport / Aeroporto**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
87	Where is the check-in stand?	Onde fica o balcão de check-in?
88	Can I have a roundtrip ticket to Miami, please?	Uma passagem de ida e volta pra Miami por favor.
89	What is the departure time?	Qual é o horário do voo?
90	Which platform? What's the platform #?	Qual o número da plataforma?
91	What's the gate number?	Qual o número do portão de embarque?
92	How do you spell your name?	Como se soletra seu nome?
93	All passengers for flight RJ104 please proceed to gate 13.	Todos os passageiros do voo RJ104 queiram se dirigir ao portão 13.

**K. Bus Station / Rodoviária**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
94	When does the next bus come?	Quando vem o próximo ônibus?
95	What time does the next bus to Rio leave?	Que horas sai o próximo ônibus para o Rio?
96	What's the schedule to São Paulo?	Qual é o horário do ônibus para São Paulo?
97	Is there a vacancy to Volta Redonda on the 3 PM bus?	Ainda há lugar no ônibus das 3 para Volta Redonda?
98	How much is a ticket to Curitiba?	Quanto é a passagem pra Curitiba?
99	Is there any cheaper way to get there?	Tem outro jeito para chegar lá mais barato?
100	A ticket to Recife, please.	Uma passagem pra Recife, por favor.
101	How long is the trip?	Quantas horas de viagem?
102	I want a roundtrip ticket.	Quero uma passagem de ida e volta.
103	Is there a seat by the window?	Tem lugar na janela?
104	Is there a vacancy on the next bus?	Tem vaga no próximo horário?
105	Aisle seat or window seat?	Corredor ou janela?
106	Let's get off on the next stop!	Vamos descer no próximo!

**L. Hotel / Hotel**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
107	Good morning. I have booked a room.	Bom dia. Eu reservei um quarto.
108	How much is it per day?	Quanto é a diária?
109	Do you have a double room?	Tem quarto de casal?
110	What's the room number?	Qual é o número do quarto?
111	I will stay until Wednesday.	Vou ficar até quarta-feira.
112	Hello. Can you give me a wake up call at six please?	Alô. Pode me acordar às seis, por favor?
113	I'm staying at the room 104.	Estou no quarto 104.
114	Any messages for room 104?	Algum recado para o 104?
115	Can you get me a cab / taxi?	Você me chama um táxi, por favor?
116	May I leave it in the safe?	Posso deixar isso no cofre?
117	Good morning. The bill for 104, please.	Bom dia. A conta do 104, por favor.
118	Single or double?	Solteiro ou casal?
119	I'm sorry. It's full.	Desculpe, mas está lotado.
120	I'd like a single room and a double room.	Quero um quarto de solteiro e outro de casal.

**M. Restaurant / Restaurante**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Português</b>
121	Good morning. A table for 6 please.	Bom dia. Uma mesa pra 6, por favor.
122	What's the special today?	Qual é o prato do dia?
123	I will try...	Vou querer...
124	How would you like your steak?	Como você quer o seu bife?
125	Well-done, please.	Bem passado, por favor.
126	I want it medium-rare.	Pode ser no ponto.
127	What kind of juice do you have?	Qual suco vocês tem?
128	Mineral water, please.	Uma água mineral, por favor.
129	Do you have bottled-pop?	Vocês tem refrigerante litro?
130	A beer, please.	Uma cerveja, por favor.
131	How long will it take?	Fica pronto em quanto tempo?
132	Do you want a doggy bag?	Quer que embrulhe pra viagem?
133	I'm in a bit of a hurry.	Estou com um pouco de pressa.
134	I am a vegetarian.	Eu sou vegetariano.
135	That looks delicious...	Aquilo parece gostoso...
136	Is it takeout?	É pra viagem?
137	Anything else, sir?	Algo mais, senhor?
138	Could you bring me another knife?	Você me vê outra faca?
139	Could you bring me another glass?	Você me traz mais um copo?

140	Can you pass the salt please?	Me passa a sal, por favor?
141	Pass the sugar, please.	Me passa o açúcar, por favor.
142	Rare or well done?	Bem passado ou mal passado?
143	This meal is cold.	Essa comida está fria.
144	The bill, please.	Pode fechar a conta.
145	Waiter – the bill, please!	Garçom, a conta, por favor!

## N. On The Phone / Ao Telefone

	English	Português
146	May I use the telephone?	Posso usar o telefone?
147	Can I make collect call?	Posso fazer uma chamada a cobrar?
148	Is it a local call?	É chamada local?
149	Hello, this is John. I'd like to talk to Mr. Francis...	Alô, aqui é o John. Eu queria falar com o Seu Francis...
150	Hold on, please.	Só um momento.
151	One moment, please.	Um momento, por favor.
152	He has just left... Do you want to leave a message?	Ele deu uma saidinha... Quer deixar recado?
153	She hasn't arrived yet. Can you call back in 10 (ten) minutes?	Ela não chegou ainda. Você me liga daqui a 10 (dez) minutos?
154	He is on the phone. Can you wait on the line?	Ele está no telefone. Vai esperar na linha?
155	Hello. Extension 4243 please.	Alô. Ramal 4243, por favor.
156	Can you transfer me to extension 4243, please?	Você pode me transferir, por favor?
157	He is not in at the moment. Do you want to leave a message?	Ele não se encontra no momento... Vai deixar recado?
158	Do you Want to leave a message?	Quer deixar recado?
159	Can you take a message?	Pode anotar um recado?
160	May I take a message?	Posso anotar algum recado?
161	No, thanks. I'll call again later.	Não. Eu ligo de novo, obrigado.
162	I'll call again later, thanks.	Eu ligo mais tarde. Obrigado (a).
163	Hello. I'd like to talk to the manager.	Alô. Eu queria falar com o gerente.
164	Who would like to speak with him / her?	Quem gostaria?
165	Hold on a minute. I'll call him/her	Só um minuto. Vou chamar...
166	What's your name, sir? Madam	Qual o nome do senhor (do senhora)?
167	Tell him it's David's friend.	Diz pra ele que é o amigo do David.
168	Hello. May I talk to Ann?	Alô! Posso falar com a Ana?
169	It's her!	É ela!
170	May I talk to the manager?	Posso falar com o gerente?
171	You're talking to him.	Tá falando com ele...
172	It's him. How can I help you?	Sou eu mesmo, pode falar.

173	Which number did you dial?	Que número você ligou?
174	It's 123 456 7890.	Aqui é do 123 456 7890.
175	Sorry. Wrong number.	Desculpe, foi engano.
176	Wrong number. I'm sorry.	Número errado, desculpe.
177	What time will he come back?	A que horas ele volta?
178	Do you know what time she will be back?	Sabe que horas ela vai voltar?
179	Can you tell me when she is back?	Pode me informar quando ela volta?
180	Ask him to return the call, please?	Pede a ele pra me retornar a ligação?
181	It's dialing... but nobody's answering.	Tá chamando... mas ninguém atende.
182	The line is busy.	A linha tá ocupada.
183	I've just called. It's busy.	Acabei de ligar. Só tá dando ocupado...
184	Speak louder, please!	Fala mais alto, por favor!
185	Could you please speak a little louder?	Pode falar um pouquinho mais alto?
186	I've been calling, but I can't get through.	Só chama, ninguém atende.
187	The call fell through.	Caiu a ligação.

### O. Special Occasions / Ocasões Especiais

	English	Português
188	Good luck!	Boa sorte!
189	Have a nice trip!	Boa viagem!
190	Have a nice vacation!	Boas férias!
191	Bon appetit.	Bom apetite.
192	Have fun!	Divirtam-se!
192	I hope you get better...	Estimo melhoras...
193	Good luck!	Felicidades!
194	Happy Birthday!	Feliz aniversário!
195	Happy New Year!	Feliz Ano Novo!
196	Merry Christmas!	Feliz Natal!
197	The same to you.	Igualmente, obrigado.
198	Congratulations!	Meus parabéns!
199	I'm sorry.	Meus pêsames.
200	Bless you!	Saúde!

### P. Saying Goodbye / Despedidas

	English	Português
201	See you later!	Até logo!
202	See you tomorrow!	Até amanhã!
203	See you next time.	Até a próxima
204	Till next time.	Até mais.

205	Have a nice weekend.	Bom fim de semana.
206	Have a nice trip!	Tenha uma boa viagem!
207	Have a nice weekend.	Tenha um bom fim de semana.
208	Good bye,	Tchau.

### Q. Question Words / Palavras e Frases Interrogativas

	English	Português
209	At what time?	A que horas?
209	To where?	Aonde?
210	What?	Como?
211	With whom?	Com quem?
212	From where?	De onde?
213	Whose?	De quem?
214	Where?	Onde?
215	What?	O que?
216	To where?	Para onde?
217	To whom?	Para quem?
218	Why?	Por quê?
219	Why not?	Por que não?
220	Which one?	Qual?
221	When?	Quando?
222	How much does it cost?	Quanto custa?
223	How much is it?	Quanto é?
224	How many?	Quantos? Quantas?
225	Who?	Quem?
226	About whom?	Sobre quem?

### R. Time Expressions / Expressões Temporais

	English	Português
227	In the evening	À noite
228	In the afternoon	À tarde
229	Now	Agora
230	Some years ago	Alguns anos atrás
231	A couple of days ago	Alguns dias atrás
232	Tomorrow	Amanhã
233	Tomorrow morning	Amanhã de manhã
234	The day before yesterday	Anteontem
235	Before	Antes
236	Sometimes	Às vezes

237	Early in the morning	Bem cedinho
238	Early	Cedo
239	In a couple of weeks	Daqui a duas semanas
240	In the morning	De manhã
241	Every now and then	De vez em quando
242	After	Depois
243	The day after tomorrow	Depois de amanhã
244	Every other day	Dia sim, dia não
245	Next Sunday	Domingo que vem
246	Tonight	Esta noite
247	A long time ago	Há muito tempo
248	Today	Hoje
249	Tonight	Hoje à noite
250	This morning	Hoje de manhã
251	Nowadays	Hoje em dia
252	Later	Mais tarde / Logo mais
253	Last month	Mês passado
253	Very late	Muito tarde
254	In (the) Spring	Na primavera
255	Next week	Na próxima semana
256	Next time	Na próxima vez
257	On Christmas Eve	Na véspera do Natal
258	Last year	No ano passado
259	On the next day	No dia seguinte
260	In (the) Winter	No inverno
261	In (the) Autumn / Fall	No outono
262	In (the) Summer	No verão
263	Never	Nunca
264	Yesterday	Ontem
265	Last night	Ontem à noite
266	A bit later	Pouco tempo depois
267	Some days before	Poucos dias antes
268	Last Saturday	Sábado passado
269	Last week	Semana passada
270	Next week	Semana que vem
271	Two weeks ago	Semana retrasada
272	Always	Sempre
273	Late	Tarde
274	Too late	Tarde demais
275	Three years ago	Três anos atrás

## Unit 02 – Cognates: Portuguese at First Sight

***How many Portuguese words do you know?  
Check these cognates... You know more than you think!***

**Cognates** are words that have the same origin or that are related and similar in some way. They can usually be deduced without any previous knowledge of the target language. Check these examples – they are all in Portuguese:

capital	geral	original
plural	legal	visual
tropical	aniversário	contrário
dicionário	glossário	milionário

There are about 1600 of them between Portuguese and English! In order to make it easier for you, I've organized them into 4 groups:

- **Nouns**

Words that refer to people, places, things, events, substances or qualities: Quenner, dessert, branch.

- **Adjectives**

Words that describe nouns or pronouns: tender, little, old.

- **Verbs**

Words that describe actions, conditions or experiences: run, type, translate, print.

- **Adverbs**

Words which describe or give more information about verbs, adjectives, adverbs or phrases: daily, urgently.

Here they come:

- **NOUNS – SUBSTANTIVOS**

English	Português
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1. <b>-al = -al</b>	
animal	animal
hospital	hospital
moral	moral

2. <b>-ty = -dade</b>	
capacity	capacidade
eternity	eternidade
flexibility	flexibilidade

3. <b>-ism = -isma, ismo</b>	
atheism	ateísmo
criticism	crítico
feminism	feminismo

4. <b>-ist = -ista</b>	
dentist	dentista
humorist	humorista
tourist	turista

5. <b>-nce, -ance = -ência, ança</b>	
abstinence	abstinência
patience	paciência
perseverance	perseverança

6. <b>-or = -or</b>	
actor	ator
color	cor
favor	favor

- **ADJECTIVES – ADJETIVOS**

English	Português
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7. -al = -al	
real	real
sensual	sensual
virtual	virtual

8. -ant, ent = -ant, ent	
excellent	excelente
important	importante
patient	paciente

English	Português
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9. -ary = -ário, ária	
adversary	adversário
arbitrary	arbitrário
contrary	contrário

10. -ic = -ico, ica	
economic	econômico
metallic	metálico
pacific	pacífico

11. -id = -ido, ida	
lucid	lúcido
splendid	esplêndido
vivid	vívido

12. -ile = -il, óvel	
automobile	automóvel
mobile	móvel
projectile	projétil

13. -ive = -ivo, iva	
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adoptive	adotivo
descriptive	descritivo
imaginative	imaginativo

<b>14. -ible, able = -ível, ável</b>	
accessible	acessível
admirable	admirável
convertible	conversível

<b>15. -ous = -oso, -osa</b>	
delicious	delicioso
famous	famoso
vicious	vicioso

• **VERBS – VERBOS**

English	Português
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<b>16. -ate = -ar</b>	
celebrate	celebrar
create	criar
donate	doar

<b>17. -e = -ar</b>	
dance	dançar
complete	completar
imagine	imaginar

<b>18. -ult, ent, ort = -ultar, entar, ortar</b>	
comment	comentar
consult	consultar
export	exportar

<b>19. -fy = -ficar</b>	
amplify	amplificar
qualify	qualificar
simplify	simplificar

- **ADVERBS – ADVÉRBIOS**

English	Português
<b>20. -ly = -mente</b>	
creatively	criativamente
separately	separadamente
usually	usualmente

### Let's see some examples?

	Português	English
1	Você foi ao hospital?	Did you go to the hospital?
2	A eternidade é muito tempo...	Eternity is a long time...
3	O que você acha do feminismo?	What do you think about feminism?
4	Ele é um bom dentista.	He is a good dentist.
5	Ela tem muita paciência...	She has much patience...
6	Pode me fazer um favor?	Can you do me a favor?
7	Acredite, é real.	Believe me, it is real.
8	A comida estava excelente.	The food was excellent.
9	Nosso adversário trabalha duro.	Our adversary works hard.
10	Deve haver uma solução pacífica.	There must be a pacific solution.
11	Ela ainda está lúcida aos 90!	She is still lucid at 90!
12	O projétil nunca foi encontrado.	The projectile was never found.
13	Eles têm três filhos adotivos.	They have three adoptive children.
14	Este programa é incrível!	This program is incredible!
15	Está delicioso!	It's delicious!
16	Vamos celebrar a ocasião!	Let's celebrate the occasion!
17	Vamos imaginar uma maneira melhor?	Let's imagine a better way?
18	Nós exportamos para o Japão.	We export to Japan.
19	Você deveria se qualificar melhor.	You should qualify yourself better.
20	Ele simplesmente não quer trabalhar.	He simply doesn't want to work.

We become what we think about all day long.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Unit 03 – The 100 Most Common Portuguese Verbs

### ***Verbs Are the Base of Communication. If You Master Them, You Can Master Any Language***

**Verbs** are the backbone of any language. They describe actions, conditions or experiences. By using them, you can always make your point.

I found this true when I took a Sign Language Course<sup>1</sup>. All I needed to do was learn the main verb of any phrase, put it in the past or in the future with only one more gesture and... Bingo! What I wanted to get across became clear.

Here you will find the 100 Most Common Portuguese Verbs, divided into groups of 10. Each verb comes with its respective translation – and an example phrase. The *irregular* ones are *italicized*.

Follow these tips to make the most out of your time:

- Print the 10 groups – cut out each of them – and keep them in your pocket during the day. Whenever you have free time, check over your cards. You will be surprised with how much you will learn, as you turn spare moments into productive time.
- Translate the phrases into English. You can send me the translated phrases by email and I can help you improve: charlesnunes@gmail.com
- Rewrite the phrases, replacing one word at a time in each phrase – replacing verb by verb, noun by noun, and so on.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Portuguese</b>	<b>Example</b>
01	arrive – arrived	chegar	À que horas você chega em casa?
02	ask – asked	pedir, perguntar	Why don't you ask your father?
03	be – <i>was / were</i>	ser, estar	I want to be your friend.
04	begin – <i>began</i>	começar, iniciar	When did it all begin?
05	break – <i>broke</i>	quebrar	Don't break my heart.
06	bring – <i>brought</i>	trazer	Can you please bring me a glass?
07	buy – <i>bought</i>	comprar	Where did you buy your car?
08	call – called	chamar, telefonar	Call me later, please.
09	can – <i>could</i>	poder	Can I help you?
10	choose – <i>chose</i>	escolher	Choose the right.

<sup>1</sup> A System of hand and body movements representing words, which is used by and to people who cannot hear or talk.

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	English	Português	Exemplo
11	clean – cleaned	limpar	It's not very clean.
12	close – closed	fechar	Close the door, please.
13	come – <i>came</i>	vir	Could you come earlier?
14	cook – cooked	cozinhar	Do you know how to cook?
15	cry – cried	chorar, gritar	Why was she crying again?
16	cut – <i>cut</i>	cortar	How did he cut his hand?
17	dance – danced	dançar	Do you know how to dance?
18	date – dated	namorar	Are you dating him?
19	depend – (ed)	depende	Do you depend on your parents?
20	die – died	morrer	When did your grandfather die?

	English	Português	Exemplo
21	do – <i>did</i>	fazer	What do you do?
22	dream – dreamed	sonhar	Did you sleep well?
23	drink – <i>drank</i>	tomar, beber	Do you drink beer?
24	drive – <i>drove</i>	dirigir	Do you know how to drive?
25	eat – <i>ate</i>	comer	Let's eat!
26	fall – <i>fell</i>	cair	How could he fall?
27	feel – <i>felt</i>	sentir	Are you feeling better now?
28	find – <i>found</i>	achar, encontrar	I need to find a better job!
29	<b>finish – finished</b>	acabar, terminar	Let's finish it now?
30	fly – <i>flew</i>	voar	She is always flying.

	English	Português	Exemplo
31	follow – followed	seguir	Follow me as I follow Him.
32	forget – <i>forgot</i>	esquecer	I will never forget that morning...
33	get – <i>got</i>	conseguir, obter	Is he getting fat again?
34	get up – <i>got up</i>	levantar	What time do you usually get up?
35	give – <i>gave</i>	dar, doar	Give me your hand.
36	go – <i>went</i>	ir	Where do you want to go tonight?
37	grow – <i>grew</i>	crescer, cultivar	Everybody needs to grow.
38	have – <i>had</i>	ter	Once I had a dream.
39	hear – <i>heard</i>	escutar, ouvir	Can you hear me?
40	help – helped	ajudar, socorrer	Help me, please!

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	English	Português	Exemplo
41	hope – hoped	esperar	I hope you get this job.
42	jump – jumped	pular, saltar	Let's jump together!
43	keep – <i>kept</i>	guardar, manter	Keep the change.
44	kiss – kissed	beijar	Let's just kiss and say goodbye.
45	know – <i>knew</i>	conhecer, saber	Did you know my father?
46	learn – learned	aprender	I want to learn Portuguese!
47	leave – <i>left</i>	sair, deixar, partir	Don't leave me alone!
48	lend – <i>lent</i>	emprestar	Can you lend me some money?
49	let – <i>let</i>	deixar, permitir	Let me try again.
50	like – liked	gostar	Do you like your work?

	English	Português	Exemplo
51	listen – listened	ouvir, escutar	Are you listening to me?
52	live – lived	gostar	Where do you live?
53	look – looked	olhar, ver	Look at me now.
54	lose – <i>lost</i>	perder	I lost my wallet yesterday.
55	love – loved	amar	I love you.
56	make – made	fazer	I can't make it all alone...
57	marry – married	casar	When did you get married?
58	meet – <i>met</i>	encontrar, conhecer	Nice to meet you.
59	miss – missed	perder, sentir falta	Why did you miss the last class?
60	need – needed	precisar	Call me if you need some help.

	English	Português	Exemplo
61	open – opened	abrir	What time does it open?
62	pay – <i>paid</i>	pagar	Who is going to pay for it?
63	play – played	jogar, tocar	Let's play this afternoon again?
64	prefer – (ed)	preferir	I prefer to live on my own.
65	put – <i>put</i>	pôr, colocar	Put your hand in the hand of God.
66	read – <i>read</i>	ler	Do you like to read?
67	receive – (ed)	receber	How much did you receive?
68	remember (ed)	lembrar	I can't remember his last name...
69	run – <i>ran</i>	correr	Let's run away!
70	say – <i>said</i>	dizer	What did you say?

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	English	Português	Exemplo
71	see – <i>saw</i>	ver	I can't see you anymore...
72	sell – <i>sold</i>	vender	Do you want to sell your house?
73	send – <i>sent</i>	mandar, enviar	Send her flowers!
74	sing – <i>sang</i>	cantar, cantarolar	Do you sing in the bathroom?
75	sit – <i>sat</i>	sentar (se)	Sit down, please.
76	sleep – <i>slept</i>	dormir	Did you sleep well last night?
77	speak – <i>spoke</i>	falar	Do you speak English?
78	spell – <i>spelt</i>	soletrar	How do you spell your last name?
79	spend – <i>spent</i>	gastar, despende	How much can you spend?
80	start – <i>started</i>	começar, iniciar	What time did the show start?

	English	Português	Exemplo
81	stay – <i>stayed</i>	ficar	
82	stop – <i>stopped</i>	parar	Why didn't you stop them?
83	study – <i>studied</i>	estudar	When did you study there?
84	take – <i>took</i>	pegar, levar	Let's take the next bus!
85	talk – <i>talked</i>	falar, conversar	I don't want to talk about it.
86	tell – <i>told</i>	contar, dizer	Why don't you tell your mother?
87	there is – <i>are</i>	haver, existir, ter	There is a place for everyone...
88	think – <i>thought</i>	pensar, achar	What do you think about it?
89	travel – <i>traveled</i>	viajar	Did you travel last year?
90	turn – <i>turned</i>	virar	Turn right, please.

	English	Português	Exemplo
91	understand – <i>ood</i>	entender	I don't understand your father.
92	visit – <i>visited</i>	visitar	Would you like to visit her today?
93	wait – <i>waited</i>	esperar	Wait a moment, please.
94	wake up – <i>woke up</i>	acordar, despertar	What time did you wake up?
95	<b>walk – <i>walked</i></b>	andar, caminhar	You need to walk daily.
96	want – <i>wanted</i>	querer	I don't want it anymore.
96	wash – <i>washed</i>	lavar	I don't want it anymore.
98	watch – <i>watched</i>	assistir	Did you watch TV last night?
99	work – <i>worked</i>	trabalhar, funcionar	Are you working there yet?
100	write – <i>wrote</i>	escrever	Do you prefer to write or to read?

## Unit 04 – The 100 Most Common Portuguese Words

***In the past, words used to be worthier than documents.  
Nowadays, they are only words, nothing else...***

**Words.** By and through them, huge empires were build or destroyed.

They represent a powerful link between ideas and actions. Their potential is such that in the Creation report we read: “And God *said*, Let there be light: and *there was* light.<sup>2</sup>” Nowadays, His Words keep inspiring the mankind. And changes are still made, be it in the physical, emotional or spiritual field.

If a word said at the proper time may create worlds, save lives, celebrate weddings, or absolve someone from a punishment, why not learn the most common of them in Portuguese?

The ones here included represent more than 50% of any conversation and, adding the Cognates and the Common Portuguese Phrases, quite soon you will manage the basic vocabulary to communicate efficiently. Let me repeat the tips from the Unit 01:

- Print the 10 groups – cut out each of them – and keep them in your pocket during the day. When you have a free time, check them out. You will get surprised with your progress reserving a specific time to study.
- Any comments will be warmly welcomed at the [www.learn-portuguese-now.com](http://www.learn-portuguese-now.com) contact form
- Rewrite each phrase in Portuguese, replacing a word by phrase. But keep in mind: replace a verb by a verb, a noun by a noun, and so on.

	English	Português	Example
01	a, an	um, uma	I have an idea!
02	about	sobre, a respeito de	What do you know about love?
03	after	depois, após	See you after the class.
04	again	de novo, novamente	Let me try again!
05	all	todo, toda, todos (as)	Do you work all the week?
06	almost	quase	We are almost there!
07	also, too	também	Nice to meet you, too...
08	always	sempre	I will always remember you.
09	and	e	She kissed her and walked away.
10	any	qualquer, nenhum	Do you have any question?

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 1:3

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	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
11	beautiful	bonito (a)	Your sister is very beautiful!
12	because	porque	I bought it because I wanted.
13	before	antes, perante	Come back before midnight, OK?
14	big	grande	I want to buy a big ice cream...
15	body	corpo	Sun lotion protects your body.
16	but	mas, porém	I'm sorry, but I think you're wrong.
17	by	por	That book was written by a Brazilian.
18	city	cidade	What's your favorite city?
19	day	dia	Have a nice day!
20	down	para baixo	Don't look down!

	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
21	every	todo, cada, toda	Every love it the first one.
22	everybody	todo mundo, todos	Everybody needs somebody.
23	everyday	todo dia	Would you like to study everyday?
24	everything	tudo	Money isn't everything. Want to bet?
25	everywhere	em todos os lugares	Love is everywhere.
26	far	longe, distante	Do you live far from here?
27	first	primeiro (a)	This is my first visit to Rio.
28	for	por, para	There's a phone message for you.
29	forever	para sempre	Families can be forever.
30	friend	amigo (a)	That's what friends are for!

	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
31	from	de (origem)	Where are you from?
32	good	bom, boa	It's so good to see you after all this time!
33	happy	feliz	Your daughter looks so happy.
34	he	ele	He couldn't care less.
35	her	ela, dela	I don't know why she quit her job.
36	here	aqui	I've lived here for about three years.
37	him	ele, dele	Why don't you forgive him?
38	his	dele	Have you seen his new girlfriend?
39	how	como	How are you doing?
40	I	eu	I love you.

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	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
41	if	se	If I were you, I would do the same!
42	in	em	I've got something in my eye.
43	last	último (a)	What's your last name?
44	many	muitos	We have many reasons to celebrate.
45	me	me, mim	Do you remember me?
46	more	mais	Listen more, and talk less!
47	most	o (a) mais, maioria	Most of my friends study English.
48	much	muito	Thank you very much.
49	my	meu, minha	Did you know my father?
50	near	perto, próximo	Is there a bank near here?

	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
51	never	nunca	I've never been to the USA.
52	new	novo (a)	I need to buy a new car.
53	no, not	não	Please, don't tell anybody.
54	now	agora	Thanks, I'm not hungry now.
55	of	de	Why did you change the color of your hair?
56	on	no, na	Do you go to church on Sundays?
57	only	apenas, somente	I was only trying to help.
58	or	ou	Are you listening to me or not?
59	other	outro, outra (s)	When did you first meet each other?
60	our	nosso, nossa (s)	We bought our house in 1994.

	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
61	out	fora, saída	Get out!
62	people	povo, pessoas	Smart people study foreign languages.
63	please	por favor	Could you please pass me the salt?
64	price	preço	He wants to be a polyglot at any price!
65	same	o mesmo, a mesma	We were wearing exactly the same dress!
66	she	ela	She is my best friend.
67	so	tão, então	Thank you for being so patient.
68	something	algo, alguma coisa	Is there something you would like to say?
69	sometimes	às vezes	Sometimes it's best not to say anything.
70	still / yet	ainda	I am still hungry.

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	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
71	than	do que	I spent more than I expected to.
72	that	que, isso, aquilo	What's that?
73	the	o, a, os, as	Honey, can you bring me the towel?
74	their	deles, delas	I can't forget their kindness.
75	them	eles (as), deles, (as)	Why don't you visit them once in a while?
76	there	lá	We will never get there in time.
77	they	eles, elas	They are improving their pronunciation.
78	thing	coisa	Things are getting better!
79	this	este, esta, isto	This is the one I want.
80	time	tempo, hora, vez	I want to spend more time with my family.

	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
81	to	para	I'll have to tell your father.
82	today	hoje	What's the date today?
83	under	sob, embaixo	He hid under the bed.
84	us	nós, nos	Why don't you come with us?
85	usually	geralmente	He usually gets home at about noon.
86	very	muito	Thank you very much.
87	way	jeito, modo, caminho	We must find a way.
88	we	nós	Why don't we try it again later?
89	what	o que	What time is it?
90	when	quando	When is your birthday?

	<b>Inglês</b>	<b>Português</b>	<b>Example</b>
91	where	onde	Where do you live?
92	which	o qual	Which of your parents do you feel closer to?
93	who	que, quem	Who's your best friend?
94	why	por que, por quê	Why are you studying English?
95	with	com	I live with my parents.
96	without	sem	I can't live without you.
97	word	palavra	I can still remember his last words...
98	yes	sim	Do you like Brazilian food? Yes, I love it.
99	you	você, vocês	The more I see you, the more I want you.
100	your	seu, sua, seus, suas	It's your last chance...

## Unit 05 – Flash Cards: The Memory Back Up

***With These Flash Cards, You Will Find Enough Time to Study Portuguese – Even Trolls and Snowmen Can Do It!***

**Flash Cards.** Simple cards with a word or picture on them. They are very useful in memorizing and learning foreign languages.

Here you will find 100 examples of Flash Cards with verbs and numbers in Portuguese. Most of the verbs are in the infinitive form (the ones ending in 'R'). For space constraints, I've included some in the present simple tense.

Have fun with your friends, family or students. Consider the following tips:

1. Print the 100 cards and cut them out.
2. Give some cards to each player, and make a pile with the remaining ones, similar to a card game.
3. Each player must pronounce (or spell) the verb, ask a question or make a math exercise whose result should be the number shown in the card.
4. The next player answers the question asked for the former one, and set his/her own card. The player who doesn't know how to ask/answer a question, gets one more card.
5. At the end of the turn, the player who set the card with the greatest number get all of them and keep them for the final counting.
6. When someone runs out of cards, the game is over.
7. The winner is the one who scored more points.

Obviously, the rules can be changed at the players' wish – especially if these instructions seem too confusing!☺

Only two rules should never be ignored:

1. Growing comes through activity. There is no growing – physical or mental without effort, and effort requires work. Calvin Coolidge
2. Remember that 'Play hard!' always begins with 'Play'.

água leite  
**beber**  
1 um

pão carne  
**comer**  
2 dois

dela de nadar  
**gostar**  
3 três

alto devagar  
**falar**  
4 quatro

ele seu pai  
**conhecer**  
5 cinco

alô tchau  
**dizer**  
6 seis

cedo bem  
**dormir**  
7 sete

trabalhar brincar  
**querer**  
8 oito

este aqui aquele lá  
**comprar**  
9 nove

filhos dinheiro  
**ter**  
10 dez

o nome uma palavra  
**soletrar**  
11 onze

seus pais tudo  
**entender**  
12 doze

para casa      embora

**ir**

13      treze

perto daqui      sozinho

**morar**

14      quatorze

de você      de ajuda

**precisar**

15      quinze

aqui      lá

**trabalhar**

16      dezesseis

o melhor      isso

**fazer**

17      dezessete

às seis      tarde

**levantar**

18      dezoito

ficar em casa      ler

**preferir**

19      dezenove

todo dia      muito

**estudar**

20      vinte

nadar      dormir

**poder**

21      vinte e um

me ver      estar

**deixar**

22      vinte e dois

com a gente      de novo

**jogar**

23      vinte e três

claramente      tudo

**ver**

24      vinte e quatro

comigo pra cá

**vir**

25 vinte e cinco

um jeito a resposta

**encontro**

26 vinte e seis

dirigir ler

**consigo**

27 vinte e sete

amigos dinheiro

**fazer**

28 vinte e oito

um voluntário bom

**ser**

29 vinte e nove

Inglês de cór

**aprender**

30 trinta

de mim deles

**lembrar**

31 trinta e um

nisso grande

**pensar**

32 trinta e dois

na boca todo dia

**beijar**

33 trinta e três

aqui comigo

**ficar**

34 trinta e quatro

à esquerda à direita

**virar**

35 trinta e cinco

com ele com ela

**namorar**

36 trinta e seis

todos no trabalho

**encontro**

37 trinta e sete

às sete os braços

**abrir**

38 trinta e oito

agora de novo

**começar**

39 trinta e nove

você pra sempre

**amar**

40 quarenta

bastante depressa

**correr**

41 quarenta e um

com ela sobre isso

**converso**

42 quarenta e dois

por alguém muito

**esperar**

43 quarenta e três

bem com clareza

**escrever**

44 quarenta e quatro

cedo tarde

**chegar**

45 quarenta e cinco

antes depois

**iniciar**

46 quarenta e seis

a porta os olhos

**fechar**

47 quarenta e sete

o trabalho com isso

**terminar**

48 quarenta e oito

bastante pouco

**crescer**

49 quarenta e nove

a todos você

**ajudar**

50 cinquenta

alto pra dentro

**pular**

51 cinquenta e um

segredo o dinheiro

**guardar**

52 cinquenta e dois

com atenção isso

**escutar**

53 cinquenta e três

pouco a aula

**faltar**

54 cinquenta e quatro

a chave sua mão

**pôr**

55 cinquenta e cinco

um livro revistas

**ler**

56 cinquenta e seis

por 5 reais bem

**vender**

57 cinquenta e sete

com isso de rir

**parar**

58 cinquenta e oito

dinheiro tempo

**gastar**

59 cinquenta e nove

mentiras a verdade

**contar**

60 sessenta

a trabalho de ônibus

**viajar**

61 sessenta e um

meus pais hoje

**visitar**

62 sessenta e dois

algo um favor

**pedir**

63 sessenta e três

o copo em pedaços

**quebrar**

64 sessenta e quatro

pra dentro pra mim

**trazer**

65 sessenta e cinco

de novo à noite

**telefonar**

66 sessenta e seis

bem entre os dois

**escolher**

67 sessenta e sete

de você do tempo

**dependo**

68 sessenta e oito

calor em casa

**sentir**

69 sessenta e nove

uma chance tempo

**dar**

70 setenta

um barulho coisas

**ouvir**

71 setenta e um

correndo logo

**sair**

72 setenta e dois

com ela em maio

**casar**

73 setenta e três

visitas telefonema

**receber**

74 setenta e quatro

uma carta flores

**enviar**

75 setenta e cinco

notas um café

**tomar**

76 setenta e seis

a cavalo devagar

**andar**

77 setenta e sete

a janela com o pano

**limpar**

78 setenta e oito

bem com amor

**cozinhar**

79 setenta e nove

comigo no clube

**dançar**

80 oitenta

contigo acordado

**sonhar**

81 oitenta e um

no rio da escada

**cair**

82 oitenta e dois

pelo futuro por ela

**esperar**

83 oitenta e três

dinheiro pra você

**empresto**

84 oitenta e quatro

lá de novo

**olhar**

85 oitenta e cinco

em dinheiro a prazo

**pagar**

86 oitenta e seis

uma música baixinho

**cantar**

87 oitenta e sete

nada alguma coisa

**existir**

88 oitenta e oito

TV a partida

**assistir**

89 oitenta e nove

muito de alegria

**chorar**

90 noventa

o carro com cuidado

**dirigir**

91 noventa e um

alto de... para...

**voar**

92 noventa e dois

um rosto disso

**esquecer**

93 noventa e três

à mesa no sofá

**sentar**

94 noventa e quatro

as mãos o carro

**lavar**

95 noventa e cinco

a mão no copo

**cortar**

96 noventa e seis

dormindo em paz  
**morrer**  
97 noventa e sete

você a multidão  
**seguir**  
98 noventa e oito

a chave peso  
**perder**  
99 noventa e nove

cedo tarde  
**acordar**  
100 cem

## Common Words – A Matter of Perspective

When I started working as an English teacher, this experience showed me what makes a word ‘common’:

On a sunny afternoon, a passerby dropped in for some water. The secretary told him to help himself, and got back to work. (I could hear everything from the classroom...)

As the man got closer to the water fountain, he tried to get along by asking out loud:

*“– Does this school belong to Walter?”*

That very common word – water – written on the gallon’s cover, was not so simple for him! The secretary answered him politely, as usual, but I knew she was laughing up a storm!

As the visitor left, the whole classroom exploded in laughter! (OK, I shouldn’t have... But who could resist?☺)

Fortunately, later on that same day I tried to put myself in that visitor’s shoes by recalling the first English book that I tried to read on my own. I used to skim each page, wondering what those words could mean.

All of a sudden, the words ‘begin’ and ‘again’ popped up in my eyes. For the first time, I noticed that some words appeared more often than others did.

That was an insight moment for me. By noticing that, I realized that the so-called ‘common words’ only become ‘common’ to you when you recognize them at first sight and understand their meaning in several contexts.

Want to learn them in a wink of an eye? Grab your free copy of ‘365 Most Common Words in Portuguese’ at [www.learn-portuguese-now.com](http://www.learn-portuguese-now.com), print them out, cut them into flashcards and keep them with you wherever you go. (The bathroom is my favorite classroom!☺) You will soon notice that learning Portuguese is **not** rocket science...

**(And if you happen to meet any ‘Walter’ on your way, please tell him that you’ve heard about a language course which is on sale, with his name ‘almost’ inscribed on the water fountain!)**

## As a Portuguese Teacher, I've Never Faced Trouble Fixing Airplanes

Of course, they've never come into the classroom!

Grammar and Pronunciation in any language (including mine) reminds me of my trouble with airplanes. It is impossible to have any doubts about something that you never think about!

That's why I boldly defend that you shouldn't worry about verb conjugation in Portuguese. Just make do with the 3 basic tenses – present, past and future – and the singular pronouns – I, you, he/she/it – and everything is going to fall into place at the proper time.

Let's have a look at an example with the verb 'falar' – to speak. Here's the 'all-correct-and-frightening' table:

	Present	Past	Future
1. <b>Eu</b>	<b>falo</b>	<b>falei</b>	<b>falarei</b>
2. <b>Tu</b>	<b>falas</b>	<b>falaste</b>	<b>falarás</b>
3. <b>Ele</b>	<b>fala</b>	<b>falou</b>	<b>falará</b>
4. <b>Nós</b>	<b>falamos</b>	<b>falamos</b>	<b>falaremos</b>
5. <b>Vós</b>	<b>falais</b>	<b>falastes</b>	<b>falareis</b>
6. <b>Eles</b>	<b>falam</b>	<b>falaram</b>	<b>falarão</b>

### The Good News...

Having been helping beginners for a couple of years, I can promise you that language learning doesn't have to be all that hard.

In the daily speech/writing, normal human beings usually abide by these rules:

- The second person of plural (vós/you) is **not** used.
- The second person of singular (tu/you) is usually replaced by 'você', and agrees with the third person: você fala, ele fala.
- The Future is **not** made according to the above grammar rule. Instead, we just say 'Eu vou, você vai, ele vai, nós vamos, eles vão' + the infinitive of **any** verb: Eu vou falar. / I will speak. Você vai comer. / You will eat. Ele vai sair. / He will leave.

... And here's ALL you need to start:

	Present	Past	Future	
1. Eu	falo	falei	vou falar	Português.
2. Você	fala	falou	vai falar	Português.
3. Ele	fala	falou	vai falar	Português.

A little bit more lifting and encouraging, right?

Indeed, there are two more conjugations – verbs ending in ‘er’ and ‘ir’ – they are as simple as the first one. You will be introduced to them in a while.

If I were you, I would celebrate this moment by going to the window and shouting...

**“– My language problems is over!”**

*(Uh-oh, I think I need some help with my English... 😊)*

## Language Learning is NOT a Miracle!

So... What **is** a miracle?

According to the dictionary, it is an 'unusual event caused by mysterious forces in a surprising and unexpected way'.

But out of those learned pages, things get a bit more confusing:

Some say it is an inexplicable event, according to the laws of Nature. Others say it is an operating force contrary to Nature...

Saint Augustine once stated, "Miracles are not contrary to Nature. Only to what we know about Nature."

And I must agree with him.

When talking about second language learning, I have been faced with hundreds of misconceptions denying how you can learn it in a practical, achievable and enjoyable way.

Not that I know all the facts about the matter (and that's for sure!☺), but I have reason enough to believe that foreign languages can be learned by ANYONE (including YOU) since you:

- Believe in your own capacity to learn
- Get the right tools
- Follow the right process

Let's make it clear. Have a look at the following Portuguese words:

capital	general	original
plural	legal	visual
tropical	aniversário	contrário
dicionário	glossário	millionário
programa	sistema	problema
celebrar	calcular	iluminar
invisível	possível	responsável
autorização	nação	atenção
qualidade	sensibilidade	universidade
acadêmico	básico	pacífico
diariamente	emocionalmente	literalmente

There are some 1600 similar words between Portuguese and English!

As you understand the basic principles of word formation in Portuguese, you can immediately turn hundreds of English words to this romantic language.

I know that it may seem too simple for some, but I used this same principle to learn English and Spanish – and it worked wonderfully.

Why don't you give it a try? No miracle required.