

Guide to Basic Portuguese

Communication is key, and these phrases will help you connect with villagers effectively. Remember, a friendly demeanor goes a long way!

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Pro-Tips for Communication

- **Smile First:** A smile paired with “*Tudo bem?*” can create a welcoming atmosphere, often more impactful than perfect grammar.
- **Use Gestures:** Gestures transcend language barriers and can be particularly helpful during Vacation Bible School (VBS) crafts and soccer.
- **The "Obrigado" Rule:** Men say *Obrigado*; Women say *Obrigada*.
- What’s the rule when you are supposed to roll the “r” in a word it sounds a bit like a “d”...like in the words *orar*, *esperar*, & *banheiro*?

1. The Essentials (Greetings & Courtesy)

- **Yes / No** – *Sim / Não* – *See-m / Now*
- **Please** – *Por favor* – *Por fah-vohr*
- **Thank you** – *Obrigado (m) / Obrigada (f)* – *Oh-bree-gah-doo/dah*
- **You're welcome** – *De nada* – *Jee nah-dah*
- **Hello / Hi** – *Olá / Oi* – *Oh-lah / Oy*
- **Good morning** – *Bom dia* – *Bohn jee-ah*
- **Good afternoon** – *Boa tarde* – *Boh-ah tar-jee*
- **Good night** – *Boa noite* – *Boh-ah noy-chee*
- **How are you?** – *Tudo bem?* – *Too-doo behm?*
- **Everything is great!** – *Tudo bom!* – *Too-doo boh-m!*

2. Ministry & Relationship Building

- **What is your name?** – *Qual é o seu nome?* – *Kwall eh oo seh-oo noh-mee?*
- **My name is...** – *Meu nome é...* – *May-oo noh-mee eh...*
- **God bless you!** – *Deus te abençoe!* – *Day-oos chee ah-behn-soy!*

- **Jesus loves you.** – *Jesus te ama.* – *Jay-zoos chee ah-mah.*
- **Can I pray for you?** – *Posso orar por você?* – *Poh-soo oh-rar (rolled “r”) por voh-seh?*
- **Friend** – *Amigo (m) / Amiga (f)* – *Ah-mee-goo/gah*

3. Village & VBS (Working with Kids)

- **Let's play!** – *Vamos brincar!* – *Vah-moos breen-kar!*
- **Soccer** – *Futebol* – *Foo-chee-bohl*
- **Beautiful / Very good!** – *Muito bem!* / *Lindo!* – *Moy-too behm / Leen-doo*
- **Wait** – *Espera* – *Es-peh-rah (rolled “r”)*
- **Line up** – *Fila* – *Fee-lah*
- **Next** - *Próximo* - *Pross-ē-mō*

4. On the Boat (Logistics)

- **Water** – *Água* – *Ah-gwah*
- **Food / Eat** – *Comida / Comer* – *Koh-mee-dah / Koh-mehr*
- **Bathroom** – *Banheiro* – *Ban-yay-roo (rolled “r”)*
- **I don't understand.** – *Não entendo.* – *Now ehn-tehn-doo.*
- **Excuse Me** - *Com Licença* - *Cohn-lay-seen-sah*

By embracing these phrases and tips, you'll be well-equipped to foster meaningful interactions and support your mission team's efforts. Boa sorte!
(Good luck! - Boh-ah-sōr-chee)