Top 20 Portuguese Words You Must Know



## Introduction

Whether you're planning a trip, starting a language course, or just curious about Portuguese, these 20 essential words will help you get started. They cover common greetings, basic manners, and everyday questions to boost your confidence as you begin your language journey.



## THE LIST

- Olá
- Hello
- Use this friendly greeting to say hello to anyone, anywhere.
- Adeus
- Goodbye
- A formal way to say farewell when parting ways.
- Por favor
- Please
- Essential for polite requests in any conversation.
- Obrigado / Obrigada
- Thank you
- Use "obrigado" if you're male and "obrigada" if you're female.
- Sim
- Yes
- A simple, positive response to questions.

- Não
- No
- The basic negative, useful in everyday situations.
- Desculpe
- Sorry
- Use this word to apologize or to get someone's attention politely.
- Com licença
- Excuse me
- Perfect for politely interrupting or asking for permission.
- Bom dia
- Good morning
- A friendly greeting used until noon.
- Boa tarde
- Good afternoon
- Use this greeting from midday until early evening.



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- Good night
- Say this in the evening or when bidding farewell at night.
- Como vai?
- How are you?
- A common way to ask someone how they are doing.
- Tudo bem?
- All good? or Are you well?
- Another informal greeting asking about someone's wellbeing.
- Quanto custa?
- How much does it cost?
- Useful when shopping or negotiating prices.
- Onde?
- Where?
- Ask this to find out the location of something.

- Quando?
- When?
- Essential for asking about time or scheduling.
- Por quê?
- Why?
- A question word for asking reasons and explanations.
- Quem?
- Who?
- Use this to ask about a person or people.
- O que?
- What?
- A versatile question word used in many contexts.
- Amor
- Love
- A beautiful and universal word, perfect for expressing affection.