

## The 100 Most Important Words

Yes, ...the 100 most important words in the Portuguese language. One hundred Portuguese words is all that you need to start conversing. Incredible, but it's true (as many have experienced)!

The table of 100 Words featured below is based on the word list (claimed to be suitable for the Portuguese language and any other) found in the book:

*'Use Your Memory', by Tony Buzan, published by BBC Consumer Publishing (Books), London ISBN 0-5633-37102-1.*

Do not belittle the list. It's the simplest language primer you will ever see. It will catapult you forward and give you confidence right from the start.

### Portuguese Language - Pronunciation Key

This applies to the 'Pronunciation' column of the **100 Words table**. Most sounds are obvious as in English, but vowel sounds in the Portuguese language need care. Check the **Key to Portuguese Pronunciation** below to be sure you're doing it right.

Try it out -- you'll soon get the hang of it.

#### Key to 'Pronunciation' column

a - as in *bat*  
ay - as in *bay*  
ee - as in *see*  
eh - as in *kept*  
er - as in *mother*  
ine - as in *wine*  
oa - as in *boa* constrictor  
oh - as in *smoulder*  
oo - as in *smooth*  
or - as in *nor*  
zh - as in *measure*

So, here they are... and remember, **just learn 10 a day** and you'll be well on your way to mastering the Portuguese language **in only 10 days!** Ready? Let's go...

## Table of 100 Words - Portuguese Language

English	Portuguese	Pronunciation
1. a, an	um, uma	oon, oona
2. after	após	er-posh
3. again	outra vez	ooh-trer vezh
4. all (the)	todos (os) / todas (as)	too-dosh (oosh) / (ersh)
5. almost	quase	kwah-zay
6. also	também	tam-beng
7. always	sempre	sem-preh
8. (I) am	(eu) sou	(eh-oo) so
9. and	e	ee
10. because	porque	poor-keh
11. before	antes de	ann-tesh der
12. big	grande	grander
13. but	mas	marsh
14. (I) can	(eu) posso	(eh-oo) por-soo
15. (I) come	(eu) venho	(eh-oo) vine-yoo
16. either/or	ou / ou	or / or
17. father	pai	pah-ee
18. (I) find (meet)	(eu) encontro	(eh-oo) ine-con-troo
19. first	primeiro / primeira	pree-mehr-oo / -er
20. friend	amigo, amiga	a-mee-goo, a-mee-ger
English	Portuguese	Pronunciation
21. from	de	der
22. (I) go	(eu) vou	(eh-oo) voh
23. good	bom, boa	bong, boa
24. goodbye	adeus	a-deh-oosh
25. happy	feliz	feh-leez
26. (I) have	(eu) tenho	(eh-oo) tine-yoo
27. he, she	ele, ela	eel, ell-er
28. hello	olá	oh-la
29. here	aqui	a-kee
30. how	como	komm-oo
31. I	eu	eh-oo
32. if	se	seh
33. ill (sick)	doente	doh-en-ter
34. in	en	ine
35. (I) know	(eu) sei	(eh-oo) sigh
36. (the) last	o último	oo ull-tee-moo
37. (I) like	(eu) gosto de	(eh-oo) gosh-ter der
38. little	pouco	poh-koo
39. (I) love	(eu) amo	(eh-oo) am-oh
40. (I) make	(eu) faço	(eh-oo) fass-oo

<b>English</b>	<b>Portuguese</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>
41. many, much	muito	moo-een-too
42. mother	mãe	mah-ee
43. more	mais	ma-eesh
44. most (of)	a maioria (de)	er mayor-ee-er (der)
45. my	meus, minha	may-oosh, meen-yer
46. new	novo	nor-voov
47. newspaper	jornal	zhor-nal
48. no, not	não	nah-oo
49. now	agora	er-gor-er
50. of	de	der
51. often	frequentemente	frer-kwenter-mee-enter
52. on	em	ine
53. only	só	sor
54. or	ou	or
55. other	outro	or-troov
56. our	nosso	noss-oo
57. out(side)	fora	for-er
58. over	sobre	so-brer
59. person (people)	gente(s)	zhen-ter(sh)
60. place	lugar	loo-ger
<b>English</b>	<b>Portuguese</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>
61. please	por favor	per fah-voor
62. same	mesmos	mez-moosh
63. (I) see	(eu) vejo	(eh-oo) vezh-oo
64. small	pequeno / pequena	per-kay-noov / -ner
65. some	uns	oovsh
66. sometimes	às vezes	ash vay-zher-sh
67. still	ainda	ah-eeen-der
68. such	tal	tal
69. (I) tell (say)	(eu) digo	(eh-oo) dee-goo
70. thank you	obrigado, obrigada	obree-gah-doo/der
71. that	que	kay
72. the	o, a	oo, er
73. their	seu	say-oo
74. them	eles	ell-ersh
75. then	então	een-tah-oooh
76. there	ali	a-lee
77. there is / are	há	a
78. they	eles	ell-ersh
79. thing	a coisa	er coy-zer
80. (I) think	(eu) penso	(eh-oo) pen-soov

<b>English</b>	<b>Portuguese</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>
81. this	isto	ish-too
82. time	tempo	tem-poo
83. to	a	er
84. under	abaixo de	er-ba-ee-shoo der
85. up (on top of)	acima de	asee-mer der
86. us	nós	norsh
87. (I) use	(eu) uso	(eh-oo) oo-soo
88. very	muito	moo-een-too
89. (I) want	(eu) quero	(eh-oo) ker-oo
90. we	nós	norsh
91. what	o que	oo-ker
92. when	quando	kwan-doo
93. where	onde	on-der
94. which	qual	kwal
95. who	quem	kine
96. why	porque	poor-kay
97. with	com	kon
98. yes	sim	seen
99. you	você	vor-say
100. your your (pl)	seu / sua vosso / vossa	say-oo / soo-er voss-oo / voss-er

**Remember to practice the above daily until you have them at your fingertips :)**