

Let's celebrate Portuguese!



Although Portuguese originated in Portugal, only 5% of modern speakers live there. It is also the only official language of Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Angola and São Tomé and Príncipe and is spoken alongside other languages in several other countries.



There are approximately 220 million native speakers of Portuguese and 250 million speakers in total. It is the most spoken language in the southern hemisphere.

Until 2009, the Portuguese alphabet had only 23 letters - no K, W or Y. In 2009 these letters were officially added and it now has 26.



English	Portuguese
"Hello"	"Olá"
"Welcome"	"bem-vinda"
"Good morning"	"Bom Dia"
"Thank you"	"Obrigado / Obrigada" (depending on whether the speaker is male or female)

From Wikipedia: Portuguese is a Western Romance language originating in the Iberian Peninsula. Portuguese is part of the Ibero-Romance group that evolved from several dialects of Vulgar Latin in the medieval Kingdom of Galicia and the County of Portugal, and has kept some Celtic phonology and lexicon.

Language facts for kids:

https://kids.kiddle.co/Portuguese_language

9 surprising facts about Portuguese:

<https://www.listenandlearn.org/blog/9-surprising-facts-about-the-portuguese-language/>

Language profile - history, facts (8 mins):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nur6WwpmyBo>

Alphabet and pronunciation:

<https://www.omniglot.com/writing/portuguese.htm>

Animated fable (English and Portuguese subtitles):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc5L9dIR7Dw>

