



Basic Grammar

Nouns and Articles

Gender	Nouns are either masculine or feminine. This affects article and adjective agreement.
Masculine Article	o (the), um (a)
Feminine Article	a (the), uma (a)
Example (Masculine)	o livro (the book), um livro (a book)
Example (Feminine)	a casa (the house), uma casa (a house)
Plural Forms	Generally, add -s to singular nouns. Add -es to nouns ending in -m , -r , or -z .
Plural Examples	o livro -> os livros, a mulher -> as mulheres

Pronouns

Eu	I
Tu	You (informal, Portugal)
Você	You (formal/informal, Brazil)
Ele/Ela	He/She
Nós	We
Vós	You (formal, plural, Portugal)
Vocês	You (formal/informal, plural, Brazil)
Eles/Elas	They (masculine/feminine)

Basic Verb Conjugation (Present Tense of 'Ser' - To Be)

Eu	Sou (I am)
Tu	És (You are - Portugal informal)
Você/Ele/Ela	É (You/He/She is)
Nós	Somos (We are)
Vós	Sois (You are - Portugal formal plural)
Vocês/Eles/Elas	São (You/They are)

Essential Vocabulary

Greetings and Basic Phrases

Olá	Hello
Bom dia	Good morning
Boa tarde	Good afternoon
Boa noite	Good evening/night
Como está? (formal) / Como você está? (Brazil)	How are you?
Tudo bem?	Everything okay? / How's it going?
Obrigado/Obrigada	Thank you (masculine/feminine)
De nada	You're welcome
Por favor	Please

Common Verbs

Ser	To be (permanent characteristics)
Estar	To be (temporary states)
Ter	To have
Fazer	To do/make
Ir	To go
Querer	To want
Poder	To be able to/can
Dizer	To say/tell

Useful Nouns

Homem	Man
Mulher	Woman
Criança	Child
Casa	House
Trabalho	Work/Job
Dinheiro	Money
Tempo	Time/Weather
Comida	Food

Pronunciation Guide

Vowel Sounds

a - Usually pronounced like the 'a' in 'father'. In some dialects, it can be more open like the 'a' in 'cat'.
e - Can be pronounced like the 'e' in 'bed' or like the 'a' in 'say', depending on the word and dialect.
i - Pronounced like the 'ee' in 'see'.
o - Can be pronounced like the 'o' in 'go' or like the 'o' in 'hot', depending on the word and dialect.
u - Pronounced like the 'oo' in 'moon'.

Consonant Sounds

c - Soft like 's' before 'e' and 'i' (e.g., 'cidade' - city). Hard like 'k' before 'a', 'o', 'u' (e.g., 'casa' - house).

ç - Always pronounced like 'ss' in 'miss'.
j - Pronounced like the 's' in 'measure'.
nh - Pronounced like the 'ny' in 'canyon'.
lh - Pronounced like the 'lli' in 'million'.
r - Can be rolled (especially at the beginning of a word) or pronounced like the 'h' in 'house' in some dialects (Brazil).
s - Voiced like a 'z' between vowels. Otherwise, typically like the 's' in 'sun'. At the end of a word (especially in Brazil) often sounds like 'sh'.

ou - Pronounced like the 'oa' in 'boat'.

Diphthongs

ão - Nasal sound, similar to the 'ow' in 'how' followed by a nasal 'n'.
ei - Pronounced like the 'ay' in 'say'.

Useful Phrases for Travel

Getting Around

Onde fica...?	Where is...?
Como chego a...?	How do I get to...?
À direita	To the right
À esquerda	To the left
Em frente	Straight ahead
Perto	Near
Longe	Far

At a Restaurant

A carta, por favor.	The menu, please.
Eu gostaria de...	I would like...
A conta, por favor.	The bill, please.
Água	Water
Vinho	Wine
Cerveja	Beer
Café	Coffee

Emergency Phrases

Socorro!	Help!
Preciso de ajuda.	I need help.
Chame a polícia.	Call the police.
Chame uma ambulância.	Call an ambulance.
Perdi-me.	I am lost.
Estou doente.	I am sick.