

# Conversational Portuguese in 5 Lessons



Tony Marsh Method™

## **Introduction**

This book uses the Tony Marsh Method™ Language Matrix.

Using the Language Matrix, you will be able to begin conversing in Portuguese instantly, and continue learning Portuguese by using the language, rather than by studying the rules of the language.

Just mix and match building blocks.

Language learning, as it has been since you learned your first language naturally as a child, is a creative process, not an analytical process.

That's where most people go wrong in learning language - they make it an analytical process, rather than allowing it to be what it actually is: a creative process. Play.

Practice by mixing and matching building blocks on the Language Matrix™. Study each page carefully. Look for patterns. Be creative.

Practice by writing freely in your notebook, and by speaking with real people online and in real life.

Most importantly: have fun.

## Lesson 1

### Introducing yourself

Oi .  
Hello

O meu nome é \_\_\_\_\_ .  
My name is

Sou dos Estados Unidos .  
I am from the USA ?

Você é da Inglaterra  
Are you from England

da Australia  
from Australia

Sim Não  
Yes No

Moro em \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I live in (your city) ?

Você mora no Brasil  
Do you live in Brazil

mas = but agora = now

### Translate:

I'm from the United States, but I live in Brazil now.

### Answer the following questions:

What's your name?

Where are you from?

Where do you live?

Note the different verb-endings in red for first and second person.

Practice writing freely in a notebook, and speaking with real people online and in real life.

### Talking about languages

**Falo**                    **um pouco de**    **português**                    .  
I speak                a little            Portuguese                    ?

**Você fala**                    **inglês**                    **como lingua materna**  
Do you speak            English                    as a native language

**espanhol**  
Spanish

**Estudo**                    .  
I study                    ?

**Você estuda**  
Do you study

**Onde você estuda**  
Where do you study

[Answer the following questions:](#)

[Você fala português?](#)

[Você estuda português?](#)

[Onde você estuda português?](#)

### Present tense verbs

past

present

future

1st person

2nd person

**Moro**                    **Você mora**            **no Brasil**  
I live                    Do you live            in Brazil

**Falo**                    **Você fala**            **português**  
I speak                Do you speak        Portuguese

**Estudo**                    **Você estuda**  
I study                    Do you study

## Lesson 2

### Greetings and asking questions

**Oi.**  
Hello.

**Tudo bem?**  
Everything good?

**Tudo! E com você?**  
Everything! And with you?

**Tudo ótimo!**  
Everything great!

This is a typical exchange of greetings.

**Qual é o seu nome?**  
What is your name?

**O meu nome é \_\_\_\_\_ .**  
My name is

**Muito prazer.**  
Much pleasure.

**O prazer é meu.**  
The pleasure is mine.

**De onde você é?**  
Where are you from?

**Sou \_\_\_\_\_ dos Estados Unidos \_\_\_\_\_ .**  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ from the USA

**da Inglaterra**  
from England

## Talking about Portuguese

[Read the following dialogue:](#)

Você fala português?

Falo um pouco de português.

Você estuda português?

Sim! Estudo português.

If there is anything you don't understand perfectly, review Lesson 1.

## Modal Verbs

**Gosto de**  
I like to

**falar**  
speak

**português** .  
Portuguese ?

The verb 'falar', is an AR ending verb. This will be important later.

**Você gosta de**  
Do you like to

**estudar**  
study

**Quero**  
I want to

**aprender**  
learn

**porque**  
because

The verb 'aprender', is an ER ending verb.

**Você quer**  
Do you want to

**com os meus amigos brasileiros**  
with my Brazilian friends

**Posso**  
Can I

**com você**  
with you

**Você pode**  
You can

**comigo**  
with me

[Translate the following:](#)

I like to speak Portuguese.

I want to learn portuguese because I want to speak Portuguese with my Brazilian friends.

Can I speak Portuguese with you?

Yes! You can speak Portuguese with me.

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## Lesson 3

### Greeting and catching up

[Check out the following dialogue:](#)

Oii! Tudo bem?

Tudo! E com você?

Tudo ótimo.

If there is anything you don't understand perfectly, review the previous lessons.

<b>Como</b>	<b>foi</b>	<b>o seu dia</b>	<b>?</b>
How	was	your day	

<b>Foi</b>	<b>muito</b>	<b>bom</b>	<b>.</b>
It was	very	good	?

<b>Foi</b>	<b>ocupado</b>
Was it	busy

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(Find another adjective to describe your day by looking it up or asking a friend.)

### Past and Present Tense

<u>past</u>	<u>present</u>	<u>future</u>
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<b>Falei</b>	<b>Falo</b>
I spoke	I speak

<b>Estudei</b>	<b>Estudo</b>
I studied	I study

<b>Tomei</b>	<b>Tomou</b>	<b>café</b>	It's all about the verb endings.
I drank	I drink	coffee	

**hoje**  
today

What did you do today?

O que          você fez          hoje          ?  
What          did you do          today

Estudei          português  
I spoke          Portuguese

Falei                                  com          um          amigo  
I spoke                                  a          friend                                  (male)

Tomei          café                                  uma          amiga  
I drank          coffee                                  a          friend                                  (female)

Answer the following question:

O que você fez hoje?

AR, ER, and IR ending verbs in the past tense

past    present    future

AR verbs

falei          I spoke  
estudei          I studied  
tomei          I drank  
trabalhei          I worked  
cozinhei          I cooked  
viajei          I traveled

ER verbs

comi          I ate  
aprendi          I learned

IR verbs

dirigi          I drove  
sai          I went out



## Lesson 4

Check out the following dialogue:

Oi amigo! Tudo bem?

Tudo! E com você?

Tudo ótimo!

Como foi o seu dia?

Foi muito ocupado, mas foi bom.

O que você fez hoje?

Tomei café com um amigo. E estudei inglês.

Você estuda inglês?

Sím! Quero aprender inglês porque quero falar com os meus amigos norte-americanos.

norte-americano(s) = American

If there is absolutely anything in that dialogue that you don't get, then review the previous lessons before moving on.

### Simple present and continuous present tense

	past	present	future
simple		falo I speak	
continuous		estou falando I'm speaking	

What are you doing right now?

O que	você está	fazendo	agora	?
What	are you	doing	right now	
Estou	estudando	português		.
I'm	studying	Portuguese		

Translate:

I'm speaking Portuguese with my Brazilian friends.

AR, ER, and IR verbs in the continuous present tense

<u>continuous</u>	<u>past</u>	<u>present</u>	<u>future</u>
		<u>AR verbs</u>	
		estou falando	I'm speaking
		estou estudando	I'm studying
		estou tomando	I'm drinking
		estou trabalhando	I'm working
		estou cozinhando	I'm cooking
		estou viajando	I'm traveling
		<u>ER verbs</u>	
		estou comendo	I'm eating
		estou aprendendo	I'm learning
		<u>IR verbs</u>	
		estou dirigindo	I'm driving
		estou saindo	I'm going out

## Lesson 5

### AR, ER, and IR verbs in the past, present, and future tense

<u>past</u>		<u>present</u>	<u>future</u>
	<u>AR verbs</u>		
<b>falei</b> I spoke		<b>falo</b> I speak	<b>vou falar</b> I'm going to speak
<b>estudei</b> I studied		<b>estudo</b> I study	<b>vou estudar</b> I'm going to study
<b>tomei</b> I drank		<b>tomo</b> I drink	<b>vou tomar</b> I'm going to drink
<b>trabalhei</b> I worked		<b>trabalho</b> I work	<b>vou trabalhar</b> I'm going to work
<b>cozinhei</b> I cooked		<b>cozinho</b> I cook	<b>vou cozinhar</b> I'm going to cook
<b>viajei</b> I traveled		<b>viajo</b> I travel	<b>vou viajar</b> I'm going to travel
	<u>ER verbs</u>		
<b>comi</b> I ate		<b>como</b> I eat	<b>vou comer</b> I'm going to eat
<b>aprendi</b> I learned		<b>aprendo</b> I learn	<b>vou aprender</b> I'm going to learn
	<u>IR verbs</u>		
<b>dirigi</b> I drove		<b>dirigo</b> I drive	<b>vou dirigir</b> I'm going to drive
<b>sai</b> I went out		<b>saio</b> I go out	<b>vou sair</b> I'm going to go out

What are you going to do tonight?

**O que**            **você vai fazer**            **hoje à noite**    ?  
What            are you going to do            tonight

**You**            **sair**            **com**            **os meus amigos** .  
I'm going to    go out            with            my friends

Answer the following questions:

O que você fez hoje?

O que você está fazendo hoje?

O que você vai fazer amanhã?

Conversation is a tree. Verbs are seeds.

With the idea that verbs are the seeds of "conversation trees", how much conversation can you create from the following?:

### Tense/Aspect Matrix™

<u>AR verbs</u> <u>simple</u>	<u>past</u> <b>falei</b> I spoke	<u>present</u> <b>falo</b> I speak	<u>future</u> <b>vou falar</b> I'm going to speak	<u>Also use:</u> estudar tomar trabalhar cozinhar viajar
<u>continuous</u>	<b>estava falando</b> I was speaking	<b>estou falando</b> I am speaking	<b>vou estar falando</b> I'm going to be speaking	
<u>AR verbs</u> <u>simple</u>	<u>past</u> <b>comi</b> I ate	<u>present</u> <b>como</b> I eat	<u>future</u> <b>vou comer</b> I'm going to eat	aprender
<u>continuous</u>	<b>estava comendo</b> I was eating	<b>estou comendo</b> I am eating	<b>vou estar comendo</b> I'm going to be eating	
<u>AR verbs</u> <u>simple</u>	<u>past</u> <b>dirigi</b> I drove	<u>present</u> <b>dirijo</b> I drive	<u>future</u> <b>vou dirigir</b> I'm going to drive	sair
<u>continuous</u>	<b>estava dirigindo</b> I was driving	<b>estou dirigindo</b> I am driving	<b>vou estar dirigindo</b> I'm going to be driving	

### Adverbs of time

past  
antes  
earlier

**ontem**  
yesterday

**ontem à noite**  
last night

present  
agora  
right now

**hoje**  
today

**hoje à noite**  
tonight

future  
depois  
later

**amanhá**  
tomorrow

**amanha à noite**  
tomorrow night

### Core Verbs™

<u>be</u>	<u>past</u> estava I was	<u>present</u> estou I am	<u>future</u> vou estar I'm going to be
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<u>have</u>	<b>tinha</b> I had	<b>tenho</b> I have	<b>vou ter</b> I'm going to have
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<u>go</u>	<b>fui</b> I went	<b>vou</b> I go	<b>vou</b> I'm going to go
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<u>do</u>	<b>fiz</b> I did	<b>faço</b> I do	<b>vou fazer</b> I'm going to do
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### Question words

O que?	What?
Onde?	Where?
Quando	When?
Por que?	Why?
Como?	How?

Answer the following questions:

Oi! Tudo bem?

Qual é o seu nome?

De onde você é?

Onde você mora?

Você fala português?

Você estuda português?

Por que você estuda português?

Como foi o seu dia?

O que você fez hoje?

O que você está fazendo agora?

O que você vai fazer hoje à noite?

If you are having any trouble answering any of these questions, review the previous lessons.

Practice by writing freely in a notebook/journal, and by speaking with real people online and in real life.

Send any questions you may have to: [TonyMarshMethod@gmail.com](mailto:TonyMarshMethod@gmail.com), or add me on Skype at: TonyMarshMethod

Enjoy!