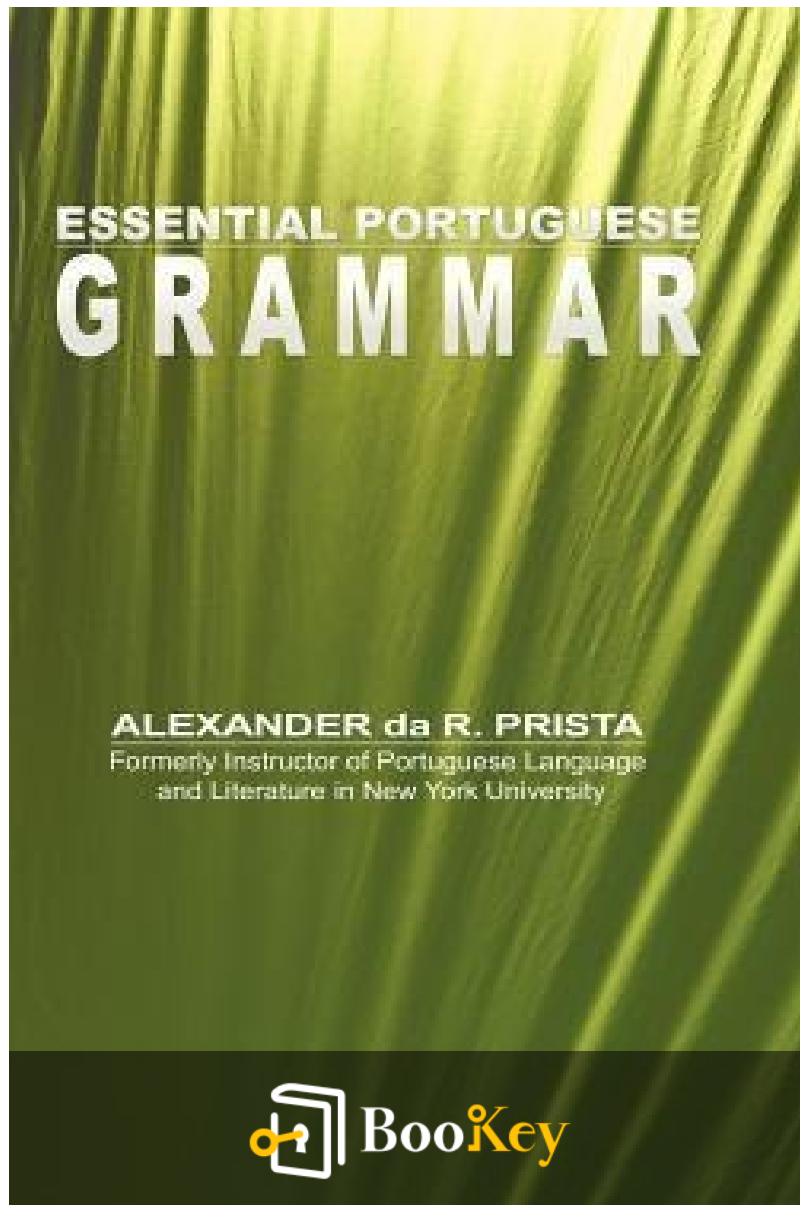


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Chapter 1 Summary : Suggestions for Vocabulary Building



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SUGGESTIONS FOR VOCABULARY BUILDING	Focus on Personal Needs Study relevant words for personal situations, especially if traveling. Use materials like "Listen & Learn Portuguese" to find specific vocabulary. Memorization by Association Utilize associated word lists from phrase books or create them from dictionaries. Focus on related words for better memorization. Specialized Vocabulary Learn vocabulary pertinent to professional/business/hobby interests. Utilize specialized dictionaries for specific fields.
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SUGGESTIONS FOR VOCABULARY BUILDING

1.

Focus on Personal Needs

- Study words relevant to immediate personal situations, especially if planning to travel. Use materials like "Listen & Learn Portuguese" to find specific vocabulary that suits individual needs, ignoring irrelevant topics.

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Memorization by Association

- Utilize associated word lists from phrase books or create them from dictionaries. Focus on words that are related to facilitate better memorization.

3.

Specialized Vocabulary

- Learn vocabulary pertinent to professional, business, or hobby interests. Tailor learning to specific fields like real estate or mathematics, often requiring specialized dictionaries.

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE VOCABULARY

- Many Portuguese words closely resemble their English counterparts, aiding vocabulary expansion. Examples include:

- o perfume (perfume), o telefone (telephone), and a rosa (rose).

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Spelling Differences:

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- Some spelling variations exist between English and Portuguese, such as:

- English 'k' or 'ck' = Portuguese 'c'
- English 'ph' = Portuguese 'f'

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Common Double Consonants:

- Notably, only 'rr' and 'ss' (and occasionally 'mm' and 'nn') function as double consonants in Portuguese.

EXAMPLES OF SIMILARITIES IN VOCABULARY

- Selected pairs illustrate similar meanings:

- area – área
- aroma – aroma
- hotel – hotel
- radio – rádio

- Portuguese often omits silent letters in modern spelling, such as 'c' and 'p' in certain words (e.g., ação, coleção).

In summary, by focusing on personally relevant vocabulary,

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fostering memorization through associations, and understanding similarities between English and Portuguese, learners can effectively build their language skills.

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Chapter 2 Summary : How to Form Questions



Section	Content
Turning Statements into Questions	Adding a Question Mark: Place a question mark at the end and raise your voice. Examples: Seu pai fala inglês? (Does your father speak English?) Ela é americana? (Is she American?) Inverting the Order: Place the verb before the subject. Examples: Fala seu pai inglês? (Does your father speak English?) É ela americana? (Is she American?) Adding Phrases: Add phrases like não?, não é?, etc. Examples: Sua mãe fala francês, não é verdade? (Your mother speaks French, doesn't she?) Ele estava lá, não é assim? (He was there, wasn't he?)
Interrogative Words	Important words include: - Como? (How?) - Quando? (When?) - Onde? (Where?) - Porque? (Why?) - Quem? (Who?) - De quem? (Whose?) - Que? (What?)



Section	Content
	- Qual? (Which?) - Quanto? (How much?) - Quantos? / Quantas? (How many?)
Examples with Interrogative Words	Como se diz em português? (How do you say this in Portuguese?) Quando parte para o Brasil? (When are you leaving for Brazil?) Onde está o livro? (Where is the book?) Porque estuda português? (Why do you study Portuguese?) Quem são eles? (Who are they?) De quem é esta casa? (Whose house is this?) Que diz meu irmão? (What does my brother say?) Que rua é esta? (What street is this?) Que professor disse isso? (Which teacher said that?)
Qual and Quanto	Qual is used as a pronoun for "which". Que is used as an adjective for "which" followed by a noun. Examples: Qual deles é o capitão? (Which one of them is the captain?) Quais são os livros de Manuel? (Which ones are Manuel's books?) Quanto custa isto? (How much does this cost?) Quantos dias há numa semana? (How many days are there in a week?) Quantas semanas há num ano? (How many weeks are there in a year?)
Note	Special attention is given to the spelling of "porque" and due to context variations in conjunctions.

HOW TO FORM QUESTIONS

Turning Statements into Questions

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Adding a Question Mark:

Simply place a question mark at the end of the statement and raise your voice if speaking.

Examples:

- Seu pai fala inglês? (Does your father speak English?)
- Ela é americana? (Is she American?)

2.

Inverting the Order:

Place the verb before the subject.

Examples:

- Fala seu pai inglês? (Does your father speak English?)
- É ela americana? (Is she American?)

3.

Adding Phrases:

Retain the statement's order and add phrases like não? (no?), não é? (isn't it?), não é verdade? (isn't it true?), or não é assim? (isn't it so?).

Examples:

- Sua mãe fala francês, não é verdade? (Your mother speaks French, doesn't she?)
- Ele estava lá, não é assim? (He was there, wasn't he?)

Interrogative Words

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- Questions often start with a question word. Important interrogative words include:

- Como? (How?)
- Quando? (When?)
- Onde? (Where?)
- Porque? (Why?)
- Quem? (Who?)
- De quem? (Whose?)
- Que? (What?)
- Qual? (Which?)
- Quanto? (How much?)
- Quantos? / Quantas? (How many?)

Examples of Questions Using Interrogative Words:

- Como se diz em português? (How do you say this in Portuguese?)
- Quando parte para o Brasil? (When are you leaving for Brazil?)
- Onde está o livro? (Where is the book?)
- Porque estuda português? (Why do you study Portuguese?)
- Quem são eles? (Who are they?)
- De quem é esta casa? (Whose house is this?)



- Que diz meu irmão? (What does my brother say?)
- Que rua é esta? (What street is this?)
- Que professor disse isso? (Which teacher said that?)

Qual and Quanto

- The word "qual" is used as a pronoun for "which" (implying a choice) while "que" is used as an adjective for "which" followed by a noun.
- Examples:
 - Qual deles é o capitão? (Which one of them is the captain?)
 - Quais são os livros de Manuel? (Which ones are Manuel's books?)
 - Quanto custa isto? (How much does this cost?)
 - Quantos dias há numa semana? (How many days are there in a week?)
 - Quantas semanas há num ano? (How many weeks are there in a year?)

Note:

Special attention is given to the spelling of "porque" and conjunctions which may vary in different contexts.



Example

Key Point:Turning Statements into Questions

Example:One crucial method to form questions in Portuguese is by inverting the verb and subject.

Key Point:Using Interrogative Words

Example:Start questions with words like 'quem', 'como' or 'o que' to ask for specific information.

Key Point:Adding Phrases for Confirmation

Example:You can transform statements into questions by appending phrases like 'não é?' to seek affirmation.

Key Point:Understanding 'Qual' and 'Quanto'

Example:Distinguishing between 'qual' for 'which' and 'quanto' for 'how much' is key to accurate questioning.

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Critical Thinking

Key Point: Question Formation Techniques in Portuguese

Critical Interpretation: The chapter emphasizes various techniques for forming questions in Portuguese, including punctuation and word order changes, highlighting the complexity of language structure.

While these techniques are practical tools for learners, one must be cautious in assuming that they universally apply in all contexts. The nuances of language require deeper understanding beyond mere grammar rules.

Additionally, reliance solely on these techniques may hinder the development of conversational fluency, as indicated by language scholars such as Swain (1985) and Long (1996), who stress the importance of usage and interaction in language acquisition.

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Chapter 3 Summary : Nouns and Articles.

Topic	Details
Gender of Portuguese Nouns	Nouns are categorized as masculine or feminine. Memorization of nouns with articles is essential.
Definite Article	Varies based on gender and number: Masculine Singular: o Masculine Plural: os Feminine Singular: a Feminine Plural: as Examples: o irmão, os irmãos a irmã, as irmãs
Plurals of Nouns	Pluralization rules: -s added for vowels (e.g., casa !' casas) -es for nouns ending in -r or -z (e.g., mulher !' mulheres) -es if the last syllable is stressed (e.g., país !' países) - Stays the same if the last syllable is not stressed (e.g., cidade !' cidades) -ns for nouns ending in -m (e.g., homem !' homens) -l to -is for -al, -el, -ol, -ul endings (e.g., animal !' animais) -ões typically for -ão endings (e.g., lição !' lições)
Noun Suffixes	Nouns can have modified meanings by adding suffixes (e.g., homenzinho for small man).
Gender Identification Hints	Masculine endings: -o, -im, -om, -um; Feminine endings: -a, -ção, -dade, -gem.
Masculine and Feminine Forms	Change final vowels to shift gender (e.g., Francisco !' Francisca); cantora).
Common Prepositions and Definite Article	Prepositions contract with articles (e.g., ao, à, do). Singular and plural variations include: Singular: ao, à, do Plural: aos, às, dos
Indefinite Article	Indefinite articles: um (masculine), uma (feminine); plurals are uns and umas. They contract similarly with prepositions (e.g., dum, duma).

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NOUNS AND ARTICLES

Gender of Portuguese Nouns

- Nouns in Portuguese are categorized as masculine or feminine. Masculine nouns generally refer to male individuals or animals, while feminine nouns denote female ones. However, many nouns don't fit this rule, making memorization of nouns with their definite articles essential.

The Definite Article

- The definite article in Portuguese varies based on gender and number:
 - Masculine Singular: o
 - Masculine Plural: os
 - Feminine Singular: a

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Chapter 4 Summary : Adjectives

Section	Content
Adjectives	Adjectives in Portuguese must agree in gender and number with nouns.
Agreement of Adjectives with Nouns	Unlike English, adjectives change form based on the gender and number of the noun.
Feminine Singular Forms	-o changes to -a (e.g., novo !' nova). -e remains unchanged (e.g., verde). Ends in consonant typically remains unchanged (e.g., amável). National adjectives: -es and -or add -a (e.g., inglês !' inglesa). -ão drops final -o (e.g., alemão !' alemã). -u adds -a (e.g., cru !' crua). -eu changes to -eia (e.g., europeu !' europeia). Irregular forms: bom !' boa, mau !' má. Numeral dois has feminine duas.
Plurals of Adjectives	Vowel endings: novo !' novos. Ends in -r or -z: encantador !' encantadores. Ends in -m: comum !' comuns. Ends in -al, -el, -oi, -ul: usual !' usuais. Ends in -il: (a) civil !' civis; (b) difícil !' difíceis. Adjectives ending in -s become ingleses (from inglês).
Position of Adjectives	Adjectives usually follow nouns (e.g., uma língua difícil) but some precede the noun (e.g., bom, belo).
Important Note	Muito, muita, muitos, and muitas are variable; do not confuse with invariable adverb muito.

ADJECTIVES

Agreement of Adjectives with Nouns

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In Portuguese, adjectives must agree in gender and number with the nouns they describe. This differs from English, where adjectives do not change. For example, a masculine singular noun requires a masculine singular adjective, and the same applies to feminine forms.

Feminine Singular Forms of Adjectives

1. Most adjectives ending in -o in masculine singular change to -a in feminine singular (e.g., novo !' no
2. Adjectives ending in -e remain unchanged in feminine singular (e.g., verde).
3. Masculine singular adjectives ending in a consonant typically do not change in feminine singular (e.g., amável).
4. Nationality adjectives ending in -es and -or often form the feminine by adding -a to the masculine form (e.g., português !' portuguesa, inglês !' inglesa).
5. Adjectives ending in -ão change to the feminine by dropping the final -o (e.g., alemão !' alemã).
6. Adjectives ending in -u add -a for feminine forms (e.g., cru !' crua).
7. Adjectives ending in -eu change to -eia for the feminine (e.g., europeu !' europeia).
8. Important irregular forms include bom



mau (bad) !' má .

9. The numeral dois (two) has a feminine form, duas.

Plurals of Adjectives

Adjectives in Portuguese typically form plurals according to their endings, similar to nouns. Examples include:

- Ends in vowel: novo !' novos
- Ends in -r or -z: encantador !' encantado
- Ends in -m: comum !' comuns
- Ends in -al, -el, -oi, -ul: usual !' usuais
- Ends in -il: (a) civil !' civis; (b) difícil

Notably, adjectives ending in -s become ingleses (from inglês).

Position of Adjectives

Typically, adjectives follow the nouns they describe (e.g., uma língua difícil). However, certain common adjectives may precede the noun (e.g., bom, belo, mau, grande), changing connotation in some cases.

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The variable adjectives *mucho*, *mucha*, *muchos*, and *muchas* (much, many) should not be confused with the invariable adverb *mucho* (very, a lot).

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Example

Key Point: Adjectives must agree in gender and number with the nouns they modify in Portuguese.

Example: When you describe a friend, if your friend is a woman named Maria, remember to say 'Maria é bonita' instead of 'Maria é bonito', since 'bonita' is the correct feminine form.

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Chapter 5 Summary : Adverbs

ADVERBS

Formation of Adverbs in Portuguese

Adverbs in Portuguese are typically formed by adding -mente to the feminine singular form of the corresponding adjective. For example:

- Claro (clear) !' Clara (feminine) !' Clara (clearly)
- Sincero (sincere) !' Sincera (feminine) !' Sincera (sincerely)

Examples of Adverbs

- Respondia sempre muito cortêsmente. (He always answered very courteously.)
- Estavam sinceramente felizes. (They were sincerely happy.)

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1. When using multiple adverbs, usually only the last one takes the -mente ending, while the others retain the feminine singular form of the adjective:

- Ele caminhava vagarosa, resoluta e corajosamente. (He walked slowly, resolutely and courageously.)

2. Some common adverbs have masculine singular forms without the -mente ending, while the -mente form also exists for others:

- Breve (or brevemente), shortly
- Próximo (or próximamente), nearly
- Raro (or raramente), rarely
- Certo (or certamente), certainly

3. Certain common adverbs do not end in -mente and should be memorized:

- Bem (well)
- Mal (badly)
- Demais (too, too much)
- (Um) pouco (a little)
- Tão, tanto (so, so much)
- Sempre (always)
- Logo (at once, immediately)
- Aqui, cá (here)
- Aí (there, near the person addressed)
- Ali, acolá, lá (over there, away from the speaker)



Usage of Adverbs

Adverbs generally precede the words they modify but follow verbs, with some exceptions for emphasis or style. For instance, "demais" always follows the word it modifies.

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Example

Key Point: Formation of Adverbs with -mente

Example: To create an adverb in Portuguese, transform the feminine adjective into an adverb by adding -mente, enhancing descriptive clarity.

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Critical Thinking

Key Point: Formation and use of adverbs in Portuguese grammar.

Critical Interpretation: While the author outlines a systematic approach to forming adverbs by adding -mente to adjectives, it is important to recognize that such grammatical rules can evolve or be interpreted differently within various dialects or colloquial usage of Portuguese. Language is fluid; rules taught in textbooks may not always reflect the way native speakers use the language in informal settings. For example, research shows that in some regional forms of Portuguese, the usage of adverbs and their placement can diverge from formal rules. Such perspectives are discussed in linguistic studies like 'The Portuguese Language: Comprehensive Grammar' by Michaelis and 'A Grammar of Spoken Brazilian Portuguese' by Fanny De Andrade, which suggest that observing real speech patterns is crucial in understanding language usage. Therefore, while Da R. Prista provides a valuable framework, readers should remain open to diverse usages and forms that may exist beyond traditional grammar rules.

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Chapter 6 Summary : Comparisons of Adjectives and Adverbs

COMPARISONS OF ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

Comparisons of Inequality

In Portuguese, comparisons of inequality are expressed using "mais" (more), "menos" (less), "o mais" (the most), or "o menos" (the least) before adjectives or adverbs. Unlike English, which can use varying forms such as adding -er or -est, Portuguese requires these specific constructions. Additionally, the definite article must agree with the noun in gender and number.

Examples:

- forte (strong) !' mais forte (stronger), m
strong)
- interessante (interesting) !' mais interes
interesting)
- claramente (clearly) !' mais claramente (

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Irregular Comparative Forms

Certain adjectives and adverbs have irregular comparative forms, including:

- bom (good) !' melhor (better)
- mau (bad) !' pior (worse)
- grande (big) !' maior (larger)
- pequeno (small) !' menor (smaller)

Examples in sentences:

- Este é o melhor hotel da nossa cidade. (This is the best hotel in our city.)
- Este lápis escreve pior que aquele. (This pencil writes worse than that one.)

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Chapter 7 Summary : Expressing Possession

EXPRESSING POSSESSION

In Portuguese, possession is expressed differently than in English; it does not use apostrophes. Instead, the equivalent of "the book of the teacher" is used. Examples include "a esposa do general" (the general's wife) and "o chapéu de minha mãe" (my mother's hat).

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Possessive adjectives in Portuguese are typically preceded by the definite article and must agree in gender and number with the noun they refer to. The possessive adjectives are as follows:

- Masculine Singular: o meu (my), o teu (your)
- Feminine Singular: a minha (my), a tua (your)
- Masculine Plural: os meus (my), os teus (your)
- Feminine Plural: as minhas (my), as tuas (your)
- For polite/formal use: o seu (your), a sua (your), os seus

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(your), as suas (your)

- They can also mean "his," "her," "its," or "their" based on context.

KEY OBSERVATIONS ON POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

1.

Agreement

: They must agree in gender and number with the possessed noun.

- Example: "Onde está a nossa bagagem?" (Where is our baggage?)

2.

Ambiguity

: To avoid confusion, one can use specific forms like "dele" (his) or "dela" (her).

- Example: "João está aqui mas o amigo dele está no Rio." (John is here but his friend is in Rio.)

3.

Article Omission

: The definite article can be omitted before family relationships, words like "este," numerals, and when possessives are used stand-alone.

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- Example: "Meu pai é velho." (My father is old.)

4.

Contextual Omission

: Sometimes, especially with body parts or clothing, the possessive adjective is omitted.

- Example: "Perdi as luvas." (I lost the gloves.)

5.

Usage Advice

: The form "o teu" (your) is informal and should be avoided by tourists, while "o vosso" is rare. Instead, use "o seu" or "do senhor."

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Chapter 8 Summary : Demonstrative Adjectives and Pronouns

DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES AND PRONOUNS

Demonstrative Adjectives

Demonstrative adjectives in Portuguese include *este* (this), *esse* (that), and *aquele* (that). They agree in gender and number with the noun they modify:

- *Este/Esta* (this, these)
- *Esse/Essa* (that, those)
- *Aquele/Aquela* (that, those)

The distinction is that "*esse*" indicates proximity to the listener, while "*aquele*" indicates something further away from both the speaker and the listener.

Examples:

- *Esta casa é branca.* (This house is white.)

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- Esse cão é feroz. (That dog [near you] is fierce.)
- Aquela montanha é alta. (That mountain [over there] is high.)

Contractions of Prepositions with Demonstratives

The prepositions "de" (of, from) and "em" (on, in) form contractions when combined with demonstrative adjectives. The preposition "a" (to, at) contracts only with "aquele."

Examples:

- de + este = deste (of this)
- de + esse = desse (of that)
- em + este = neste (in this)
- a + aquele = àquele (to that)

Pronouns: Este, Esse, Aquele

As pronouns, estes can mean "this" or "this one," esse means "that" or "that one" (near you), and aquele means "that" or "that one" (over there).

Examples:

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- Esta é mais bonita que aquela. (This one is nicer than that one.)
- Esses. (Those [shoes].)

Using the definite article can also express "that of" or "those of."

Examples:

- As festas de Portugal e as do Brasil são magníficas. (The festivals of Portugal and those of Brazil are magnificent.)

THE PRONOUNS ISTO, ISSO AND AQUILO

The pronouns isto (this), isso (that [near you]), and aquilo (that [over there]) refer to concepts, ideas, or vague objects but never to people.

Examples:

- Que é isto? (What is this?)
- Isso não tem importância. (That does not matter.)
- Que é aquilo acolá? (What is that thing over there?)

The prepositions "de" and "em" contract with these pronouns to form disto, disso, naquilo, etc.

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Chapter 9 Summary : Personal Pronouns

PERSONAL PRONOUNS IN PORTUGUESE

Overview

- Pronouns change form based on their role in a sentence, similar to English.

Subject Pronouns

- Singular: eu (I), tu (you - fam.), ele (he), ela (she), você (you - fam.), o senhor (you - polite masc.), a senhora (you - polite fem.)
- Plural: nós (we), vós (you - fam.; rare), eles (they - masc.), elas (they - fem.), vocês (you - fam.)

Usage Observations

1.

Forms of 'You'

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: The term "you" can be tu, vós, você, and others depending on the context. Tu is more common in Portugal, while você is prevalent in Brazil.

2.

O Senhor & A Senhora

: These are polite forms commonly used, with verbs typically in third person.

3.

Subject Omission

: Pronouns are often omitted in Portuguese due to verb conjugation adequately indicating the subject.

Object Pronouns

- Distinction made between direct and indirect object pronouns.

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Chapter 10 Summary : Que as Conjunction and Relative Pronoun

QUE AS CONJUNCTION AND RELATIVE PRONOUN

Que as Conjunction

In Portuguese, the conjunction "que" must be expressed, unlike in English where "that" is often omitted. Examples include:

- "Sei que ela vem." (I know {that} she is coming.)
- "Jorge diz que seu irmão é rico." (George says {that} his brother is rich.)

Que as Relative Pronoun

The word "que" also functions as a relative pronoun meaning "who," "which," "that," or "whom." It can refer to persons or things and varies in gender and number. Here are some examples:

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- "Ele é o mesmo rapaz que veio a semana passada." (He is the same boy who came last week.)
- "Desejo um chapéu que não custe demais." (I want a hat that does not cost too much.)
- "As mulheres que o senhor procura não estão aqui." (The women whom you are looking for are not here.)
- "Onde estão os sapatos que comprei em Lisboa?" (Where are the shoes which I bought in Lisbon?)

Observations

1. After prepositions, "whom" translates as "quem."

Example: "Os estudantes de quem fala são americanos."
(The students of whom he is speaking are Americans.)

2. "What" is translated as "o que."

Example: "Não me diz nunca o que faz." (He never tells me what he is doing.)

3. "Whose" is translated as "cujo" and agrees with the following noun.

Example: "A mulher cujos filhos estão doentes está muito preocupada." (The woman whose children are ill is very worried.)

4. Be cautious not to confuse the different translations for



"who," "which," "what," "whose," and their interrogative forms, as well as the conjunction "that" with the demonstrative "that."

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Critical Thinking

Key Point: The use of 'que' in Portuguese for conjunctions and relative pronouns demonstrates unique grammatical structures.

Critical Interpretation: In the Brazilian Portuguese language scheme, the essential function of 'que', as both a conjunction and a relative pronoun, emphasizes constructs that may seem overly complex to speakers of languages like English, where conjunctions can often be dropped. The author asserts a linguistic precision inherent to Portuguese that places demands on learners to grasp nuanced grammar rules. However, this viewpoint may imply an overemphasis on strict grammatical adherence versus communicative effectiveness. Studies (such as 'Grammar and Language: Theory and Practice' by R. Lakoff) suggest that certain languages prioritize brevity, which raises questions about the necessity of such grammatical rules for effective communication. Thus, while 'que' is essential, exploring languages' flexibility might reveal a less stringent relationship between grammar and meaning across the board.

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Chapter 11 Summary : Prepositions

PREPOSITIONS

Some important prepositions that have not occurred earlier in this book are:

- antes de (before)
- após (after)
- depois de (after)
- até (until, as far as)
- desde (since)
- através de (through, across)
- sob (under)
- sobre (over, on)
- por cima de (over, above)
- ao lado de (beside)

EXAMPLES

- Veio a Lisboa antes da guerra. (He came to Lisbon before the war.)
- Um após outro entraram na classe. (One after the other they entered the class.)

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- Cheguei depois de meia-noite. (I arrived after midnight.)
- A estrada vai até o Porto. (The road goes as far as Oporto.)
- Não o vi desde Agosto. (I haven't seen him since August.)
- Viajei através da America. (I traveled across America.)
- O gato está sob a mesa. (The cat is under the table.)
- O livro está sobre a cadeira. (The book is on the chair.)
- O avião passou por cima da cidade. (The plane passed over the city.)
- Há uma árvore alta ao lado da casa. (There is a tall tree beside the house.)

POR AND PARA

The prepositions

por

and

para

have different shades of meaning and are not interchangeable, even though both are translated as "for."

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Por

is used when "for" means "for the sake of," "on account of," or "in exchange for."

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Para

indicates destination or purpose.

EXAMPLES

- Ele lutou pela pátria. (He fought for the country.)
- Quanto pagou o senhor pelos sapatos? (How much did you pay for the shoes?)
- Este regalo é para o Joãozinho. (This present is for little Johnny.)
- Partimos logo para os Estados Unidos. (We are leaving at once for the United States.)

ADDITIONAL MEANINGS

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Por

may be translated as "through" or "by."

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Para

may be translated as "to" or "toward."

EXAMPLES

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- Olhei pela janela mas não vi nada. (I looked through the window but I saw nothing.)
- Foi acusado por um desconhecido. (He was accused by a stranger.)
- Vamos para o jardim. (Let's go to the garden.)
- Não tenho bastante tempo para estudar. (I don't have enough time to study.)

The distinctions between

por

and

para

can be subtle, but the basic distinctions presented here should be adequate for beginners in Portuguese.

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Chapter 12 Summary : Verbs

Summary of Chapter 12: Verbs

Overview of Portuguese Verbs

Portuguese verbs are more complex than English verbs, characterized by distinct endings for each subject pronoun and a wider variety of tenses. Familiarity with these variations is essential for understanding spoken and written Portuguese.

Conjugations of Portuguese Verbs

Portuguese verbs fall into three conjugations based on their infinitive endings:

- First Conjugation: -ar (e.g., falar - to speak)
- Second Conjugation: -er (e.g., vender - to sell)
- Third Conjugation: -ir (e.g., partir - to depart)

Regular verbs follow the conjugation patterns of the model verbs for each group.

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Present Tense in Portuguese

The present tense in Portuguese conveys all actions without differentiating forms like in English. Conjugations for the present tense must be memorized for each model verb. Key observations include:

- First person singular in all three conjugations ends in -o.
- The present participle is formed by altering the infinitive endings to denote action progression (e.g., falando for falar).
- The verb "estar" is used to form the progressive present.

Imperative and Command Forms

The imperative form allows for giving commands with specific subjunctive structures for different pronouns. Familiar, polite, and first person plural commands use distinct conjugations.

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Chapter 13 Summary : Appendix A.

Complete Paradigm of the Three Regular Conjugations

Appendix A: Complete Paradigm of the Three Regular Conjugations

This appendix provides a comprehensive reference for the full conjugation of regular Portuguese verbs across various tenses, which were only partially covered in the main text for beginners and tourists.

First Conjugation: Falar (to speak)

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Infinitive

: falar

-

Present

: falo, falas, fala, falamos, falais, falam

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Imperfect

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: falava, falavas, falava, falávamos, faláveis, falavam

-

Past Definite (Preterit)

: falei, falaste, falou, falámos, falastes, falaram

-

Present Perfect

: tenho falado, tens falado,...

-

Future

: falarei, falarás, falará, falaremos, falareis, falarão

-

Imperative

: fala, fale, falemos, falai, falem

Second Conjugation: Vender (to sell)

-

Infinitive

: vender

-

Present

: vendo, vendes, vende, vendemos, vendeis, vendem

-

Imperfect

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: vendia, vendias, vendia, vendíamos, vendíeis, vendiam

-

Past Definite (Preterit)

: vendi, vendeste, vendeu, vendemos, vendestes, venderam

-

Present Perfect

: tenho vendido, tens vendido,...

-

Future

: venderei, venderás, venderá, venderemos, vendereis, venderão

-

Imperative

: vende, venda, vendamos, vendei, vendam

Third Conjugation: Partir (to leave)

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Infinitive

: partir

-

Present

: parto, partes, parte, partimos, partis, partem

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Imperfect

: partia, partias, partia, partíamos, partíeis, partiam

-

Past Definite (Preterit)

: parti, partiste, partiu, partimos, partistes, partiram

-

Present Perfect

: tenho partido, tens partido,...

-

Future

: partirei, partirás, partirá, partiremos, partireis, partirão

-

Imperative

: parte, parta, partamos, parti, partam

Key Tenses Explained

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Present Perfect Tense

: Used sparingly in Portuguese to indicate actions that started in the past and are still relevant. Formed with the present tense of "ter" and the past participle.

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Secondary Pluperfect Tense

: A rarely used literary tense, formed without a helping verb, but conveys the same meaning as the compound pluperfect.

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Future Perfect Tense

: Indicates an action that will be completed before another future action, formed with "ter" in the future tense plus the past participle.

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Conditional Perfect Tense

: Formed with the conditional of "ter," indicating a hypothetical situation.

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Present Perfect Subjunctive

: Similar in usage and formation to the indicative, reflecting actions that have current relevance or conditions.

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Future Perfect Subjunctive

: Extremely rare, used in specific contexts, formed with the future subjunctive of "ter."

This appendix serves as a crucial tool for students to understand the complete conjugation forms of regular Portuguese verbs, essential for building language proficiency.

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Chapter 14 Summary : Appendix B.

Orthographic-Changing Verbs

Appendix B: Orthographic-Changing Verbs

Overview

This appendix discusses regular Portuguese verbs with final consonant changes in their stems to maintain pronunciation consistency. The stem is derived by removing the infinitive suffixes -ar, -er, or -ir.

Consonant Changes Before Vowels

Certain consonants undergo predictable changes based on the following vowels to ensure the correct pronunciation of the verb's stem. For example, the letter 'c' can be hard before the vowels a, o, and u, but soft before e and i.

Examples of Inflectional Changes

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To illustrate these changes, examples include:

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Marcar (to mark)

: The first person singular of the past definite becomes "marquei" instead of "mareei" to show the hard sound of 'c' is preserved before 'e'.

-

Chegar (to arrive)

: Changes result in "chegue" in imperative form.

-

Começar (to begin)

and

Conhecer (to know)

also follow similar patterns.

Inflectional Endings Affected

The endings that are affected by these changes include:

- Present subjunctive: -que, -ques, -quemos, -quem
- Polite imperative: -que, -quem, -gue, -guem
- Past definite: -quei, -guei

Changes Specific to Certain Infinitive Endings

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Verbs ending in -car, -gar, -çar, and -cer exhibit specific changes to preserve pronunciation rules. For example, "erguer" (to raise) and "seguir" (to follow) demonstrate these changes in various forms.

Conclusion

Orthographic-changing verbs in Portuguese are largely regular but require spelling adjustments to maintain accurate pronunciation when inflected across tenses and moods.

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Chapter 15 Summary : Appendix C.

Radical-Changing Verbs

Appendix C: Radical-Changing Verbs

This appendix focuses on regular verbs that experience predictable stem vowel changes in certain forms of their conjugation. The present tense of the indicative, subjunctive, and polite command forms are primarily affected.

1. First Conjugation Verbs (-ear)

Verbs ending in -ear change the vowel e to ei in the singular and third person plural. For example, the verbs "recrear" (to fear) and "cear" (to eat supper) are conjugated as follows:

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Polite Present Indicative:

receio

-

Present Subjunctive:

receie, receias, receies

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Command Forms:

receie, receiem

2. Third Conjugation Verbs (e/o changes)

Certain important third conjugation verbs change the stem vowels e to i and o to u in the first person singular of the present indicative and throughout the present subjunctive. Examples include:

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Preferir (to prefer):

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Polite Command Forms:

prefira

-

Present Indicative:

prefiro. prefieres. prefere. preferimos. preferis. preferem

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Chapter 16 Summary : Appendix D.

Irregular Verbs

Appendix D: Irregular Verbs

Overview of Irregular Verbs

This appendix highlights verbs that are conjugated irregularly across various tenses or possess irregular past participles.

While understanding past participles enables the formation of compound tenses regularly, this appendix doesn't cover those compound tenses.

Irregularities in Present Indicative and Subjunctive

1. Verbs irregular only in the first person singular of present indicative:

- Examples include:
 - medir (to measure): meço
 - ouvir (to hear): ouço
 - pedir (to ask): peço

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- despedir-se (to say goodbye): despeço-me
- perder (to lose): perco
- valer (to be worth): valho

2. Third conjugation verbs ending in -uzir:

- Examples include:
 - conduzir (to lead): conduz
 - produzir (to produce): produz

Irregular Past Participles

Certain verbs have irregular past participles, including:

- abrir (to open): aberto
- cobrir (to cover): coberto
- escrever (to write): escrito
- ganhar (to earn): ganho
- gastar (to spend): gasto
- pagar (to pay): pago

Some verbs, like acender (to light) and atender (to heed), have both regular and irregular past participles used differently in contexts.

Table of Irregular Verbs

The appendix provides a table detailing common irregular



verbs, their conjugation patterns, particularly focusing on the present subjunctive, polite command forms, and irregularities in various tenses.

Irregular Forms of Specific Tenses

-

Imperfect Indicative

: Only the verbs pôr, ser, ter, and vir are irregular in this tense.

-

Future Indicative and Conditional

: Verbs dizer, fazer, and trazer exhibit irregularities.

Examples of Conjugations

:

- Imperfect indicative for pôr: punha, punhas, punha, etc.
- Future indicative for fazer: farei, farás, fará, etc.

This section serves as a fundamental reference for learners to navigate the complexities of irregular verb conjugations in Portuguese.

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Chapter 17 Summary : A Glossary of Grammatical Terms

GLOSSARY OF GRAMMATICAL TERMS

This section aims to clarify grammatical terms essential for understanding grammar effectively. Grammatical terminology is as crucial for studying grammar as automotive terminology is for mechanics. The glossary serves as a practical reference rather than an exhaustive scholarly guide, reflecting typical American usage.

Parts of Speech

English words are categorized into eight essential groups:

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Nouns

: Words representing things, ideas, places, or qualities (e.g., cat, university). A word is likely a noun if "my" or "this" can precede it.

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Adjectives

: Words describing nouns (e.g., big, terrible). If "more" or "-er" fits before a word, it may be an adjective.

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Articles

: The definite article "the" and indefinite articles "a" or "an."

-

Verbs

: Words indicating action or state (e.g., jumps, is). Adding "-ed" helps identify verbs.

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Adverbs

: Words modifying verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs (e.g., now, very). Typically, they indicate manner, time, or degree.

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Pronouns

: Words replacing nouns (e.g., I, you, he). Types include personal, demonstrative, interrogative, and relative pronouns.

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Prepositions

: Words that establish relationships in phrases (e.g., with, in).

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: Words that connect clauses or sentences (e.g., and, but).

Words about Verbs

-

Conjugation

: Group formations of verbs based on consistent rules.

-

Infinitive

: The base form of a verb, usually preceded by "to."

-

Tense

: Indicates time, divided into past, present, and future with various forms.

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Present and Past Participles

: Used in constructing tenses, with past participles often irregular.

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Imperfect and Preterit

: Different past tense forms indicating background actions versus point actions.

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Auxiliary Verbs

: Helping verbs used to form tenses.

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Reflexive

: Indicating the subject performs the action on itself.

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Passive

: Expressing actions where the subject receives the action.

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Impersonal Verbs

: Verbs that do not relate to specific subjects, often using "it."

Words about Nouns

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Agreement

: In languages with gender or case, adjectives and articles must match nouns in form.

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Gender

: Nouns may have arbitrarily assigned genders separate from biological sex.

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Miscellaneous Terms

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Comparative and Superlative

: Terms indicating varying degrees, often marked by "more" or "-est."

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Idiom

: Expressions whose meanings do not align with the literal meaning of their components.

Parts of the Sentence

-

Subject & Predicate

: The subject denotes what is being discussed; the predicate provides information about the subject.

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Direct and Indirect Objects

: Direct objects receive the action of the verb, while indirect objects indicate to whom or for whom the action is performed.

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Chapter 1 | Quotes From Pages 11-13

1. Study words and word lists that answer real and preferably immediate personal needs.
2. Memorize by association.
3. Study the specialized vocabulary of your profession, business, or hobby.
4. It will help you to expand your Portuguese vocabulary if you remember that many Portuguese words are similar in appearance and meaning to English words.
5. Note that rr and ss (and rarely mm and nn) are the only double consonants used in Portuguese.

Chapter 2 | Quotes From Pages 15-17

1. Quando parte para o Brasil? When are you leaving for Brazil?
2. Como se diz em português? How do you say (this) in

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Portuguese?

3.Quantos dias há numa semana? How many days are there in a week?

4.Que professor disse isso? Which teacher said that?

5.Porque estuda português? Why do you study Portuguese?

Chapter 3 | Quotes From Pages -23

1.The best way is to memorize the definite article together with the noun.

2.By far the greatest number of nouns ending in -ão form their plural by changing -ão to -ões.

3.A special feature of Portuguese nouns is that their meaning can be modified by the addition of suffixes.

4.You can recognize the gender of a noun by its ending.

5.Some feminine nouns are formed by adding -a to the masculine form.

6.Determine first what the proper form of the definite article is and then use the contracted form that corresponds to it.

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Chapter 4 | Quotes From Pages -27

1. In Portuguese, adjectives agree in gender and number with the nouns they accompany.
2. Most Portuguese adjectives end in -o in the masculine singular; these adjectives change the -o to -a in the feminine singular.
3. In general, Portuguese adjectives form their plural in the same manner as the nouns with the corresponding endings.
4. An adjective that normally follows a noun may take on a different connotation when placed before the noun, and vice versa.
5. Remember the following unusual or irregular adjective plurals: alemão (German, MASC.) !' alemãs (German, FEM.) !' alemas.

Chapter 5 | Quotes From Pages 28-29

1. Ele caminhava vagarosa, resoluta e corajosamente.
2. Estavam sinceramente felizes.
3. Ele é tão (or tanto) pequeno.



4. Porque é sempre triste?

Chapter 6 | Quotes From Pages -33

1. Faça favor de falar mais claramente, o mais claramente possível.
2. Este é o melhor hotel da nossa cidade.
3. Lisboa é uma cidade interessantíssima.
4. Camões é um grandíssimo poeta.
5. Meu pai é mais rico que (OR do que) seu irmão.

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Chapter 7 | Quotes From Pages -36

1. Onde está a nossa bagagem? Where is our baggage?
2. Estou visitando os meus amigos. I am visiting my friends.
3. Aquele automóvel é nosso. That automobile is ours.
4. É meu. Whose dog is this ? It's mine.
5. Tenho o meu livro. OR Tenho meu livro. I have my book.

Chapter 8 | Quotes From Pages -39

1. Esse cão é feroz.
2. Que sapatos prefere sua filha? Esses.
3. O livro deste rapaz está nessa mala.
4. Dê o dinheiro àquelas mulheres.

Chapter 9 | Quotes From Pages -47

1. Tu is used in addressing members of the family, small children and close friends.
2. The polite form of 'you' used in most situations and the one on which the tourist should concentrate is o senhor (a senhora).
3. Portuguese verbs have endings that indicate the person, it is



not always necessary to use the subject pronoun with verbs as in English.

4. Direct and Indirect Object Pronouns will always follow the same general pattern: the indirect precedes the direct.

5. You can avoid using two pronouns with the same verb by replacing one of them with a noun.

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Chapter 10 | Quotes From Pages -51

1. Sei que ela vem.
2. Ele é o mesmo rapaz que veio a semana passada.
3. Desejo um chapéu que não custe demais.
4. A mulher cujos filhos estão doentes está muito preocupada.
5. Os estudantes de quem fala são americanos.
6. Não me diz nunca o que faz.

Chapter 11 | Quotes From Pages -53

1. Havia uma árvore alta ao lado da casa.
2. Ele lutou pela pátria.
3. Partimos logo para os Estados Unidos.
4. Não tenho bastante tempo para estudar.

Chapter 12 | Quotes From Pages -83

1. Portuguese verbs are more complicated than English ones.
2. Failure to employ the correct ending results in misunderstanding: falo (I speak), fala (you speak).
3. Though it is possible to avoid some difficulties by using short, simple sentences, it is necessary to be acquainted



with the various features of the Portuguese verb for understanding the spoken and the written language.

4. Although *ser* and *estar* both mean "to be," they are not interchangeable. In general, *ser* expresses an inherent or permanent quality of "being," while *estar* denotes a temporary location or temporary characteristic.
5. It is necessary for us to do (or that we do) that.

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Chapter 13 | Quotes From Pages 86-92

1. The Portuguese present perfect tense corresponds in meaning with the same tense in English ('I have come,' 'I have told'), but its use is much more limited in Portuguese, where the past definite (or preterit) tense is used more often for this purpose.
2. I have been studying since three o'clock.
3. Quando cheguei ele já falara, (literary) When I arrived he had already spoken.
4. The future perfect tense is formed with the future tense of the helping verb *ter* (less frequently, *haver*) and the past participle.
5. I would have done it with pleasure.

Chapter 14 | Quotes From Pages 93-95

1. The stem of a verb is what remains after the infinitive ending -ar, -er or -ir is dropped; thus, *fal-* is the stem of *falar*, *vend-* is the stem of *vender*, etc.
2. Portuguese *c*, like English *c*, is "hard" before *a*, *o* and *u*, "soft" before *e* and *i*.

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3. You can no longer write *mareei*, but must write *marquei* (*qu* signifies a "k"-sound before *e* and *i*) to show that the hard sound is retained.

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imper.-que,-quem-gue,-guem-ce,-cem.

Chapter 15 | Quotes From Pages 96-97

1. The verbs considered in this appendix are regular, except that in certain situations the vowel of their stem undergoes certain predictable changes.
2. The verbs *recrear* (to fear) and *cear* (to eat supper) are thus conjugated as follows in the tenses involved.
3. Several important third conjugation verbs with the stem vowels *e* or *o* change the *e* to *i* and the *o* to *u* in the first person singular of the present indicative and throughout the present subjunctive.
4. Conjugated like *preferir* are: *mentir* (to tell a lie), *repetir* (to repeat), *seguir* (to follow), *sentir* (to feel, to be sorry), *servir* (to serve) and *vestir-se* (to get dressed).
5. A few important third conjugation verbs with the stem

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vowel u change the u to o in the second and third persons of the singular and the third person plural of the present indicative only.

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Chapter 16 | Quotes From Pages 98-104

1. Note that once you know the past participle of any verb, you can form its compound tenses perfectly regularly with the proper tenses of the helping verb plus the past participle.
2. Many verbs have irregular past participles. Some of the most common are: abrir (to open) cobrir (to cover) escrever (to write) ganhar (to gain, earn) gastar (to spend, waste) pagar (to pay)
3. Some important verbs have two past participles, one regular and one irregular: acender (to light) atender (to heed, attend to) entregar (to deliver, entrust) nascer (to be born)
4. The only irregular present participle is pondo (from pôr).

Chapter 17 | Quotes From Pages -114

1. Grammatical terminology is as necessary to the study of grammar as the names of automobile parts are to garagemen.
2. Always bear in mind, however, that the way a word is used

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in a sentence may be just as important as the nature of the word itself in deciding what part of speech the word is.

3. An idiom is an expression that is peculiar to a language, the meaning of which is not the same as the literal meaning of the individual words composing it.

4. In grammar, every complete sentence contains two basic parts, the subject and the predicate.

5. The direct object is the person, thing, quality, or matter that the verb directs its action upon.

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Chapter 1 | Suggestions for Vocabulary Building| Q&A

1.Question

What is an effective way to build vocabulary when learning Portuguese?

Answer:One effective way to build vocabulary is to study words and word lists that address real and immediate personal needs. This could involve using travel phrase books if you plan to travel, or focusing on specialized vocabulary relevant to your profession or hobbies, like real estate or mathematics.

2.Question

How can memorization strategies enhance vocabulary retention?

Answer:Memorization by association is a powerful strategy. For instance, instead of memorizing random words, you can

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learn related words that belong to the same family, which makes it easier to recall them later.

3.Question

Why is it beneficial to recognize similarities between English and Portuguese vocabulary?

Answer: Recognizing that many Portuguese words are similar in appearance and meaning to English words can significantly help in expanding your vocabulary. For example, words like 'perfume' and 'telefone' are almost identical in both languages.

4.Question

What are some specific examples of similar vocabulary between English and Portuguese?

Answer: Examples include: 'a rosa' (the rose), 'o momento' (the moment), 'comercial' (commercial), and 'professor' (professor). These cognates provide a helpful shortcut when learning.

5.Question

What unique aspects of Portuguese spelling should learners be aware of?

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Answer:Learners should note that certain English sounds are represented differently in Portuguese; for instance, 'k' or 'ck' in English is spelled 'c' before 'o', 'u', and 'a' in Portuguese. Additionally, 'rr' and 'ss' are unique as the only double consonants commonly used.

6.Question

What practical advice is given for language learners who are not planning to travel soon?

Answer:Even if not traveling soon, it's suggested to imagine a travel situation to enhance learning. Engaging with the language contextually can facilitate faster and more meaningful acquisition of vocabulary.

7.Question

How does specialized vocabulary contribute to effective language learning?

Answer:Learning specialized vocabulary related to your profession or interests allows you to engage with the language in a meaningful way, making it more relevant and easier to remember.

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8.Question

What are some common differences in spelling between English and Portuguese that one should keep in mind?

Answer:Some common spelling differences include silent letters and variations such as 'ação' instead of 'ação' and 'adotar' (to adopt) spelled as 'adoption' in other forms.

Understanding these differences can help with reading and writing in Portuguese.

9.Question

How can learners effectively use a dictionary to expand their vocabulary?

Answer:A good dictionary can be an invaluable tool for creating personalized vocabulary lists that align with your interests and needs, rather than relying solely on basic phrase books.

10.Question

Why might a learner choose to focus on a food list in learning Portuguese, for example?

Answer:If a learner has a passion for food, studying a specialized food vocabulary can enhance understanding and

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enjoyment of Portuguese culture and cuisine, making the learning process more engaging.

Chapter 2 | How to Form Questions| Q&A

1.Question

What are the three ways to turn a simple statement into a question in Portuguese?

Answer:1. Add a question mark at the end and raise your voice at the end of the sentence. 2. Invert the normal order by placing the verb before the subject. 3. Leave the sentence as is and add phrases like 'não?' or 'não é?' at the end.

2.Question

Can you give an example of how to use the first method of forming a question?

Answer:Sure! For the statement 'Ela é americana' (She is American), by simply adding a question mark, it becomes 'Ela é americana?' when forming a question.

3.Question

What is the purpose of using interrogative words in questions?

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Answer: Interrogative words help to specify the kind of information that is being sought in a question, such as time, location, reason, or identity.

4. Question

List some interrogative words in Portuguese and their English meanings.

Answer: Como? (How?), Quando? (When?), Onde? (Where?), Porque? (Why?), Quem? (Who?), De quem? (Whose?), Que? (What?), Qual? (Which?).

5. Question

How can you ask 'When are you leaving for Brazil?' in Portuguese?

Answer: You can say 'Quando parte para o Brasil?'

6. Question

What is the specific use of 'qual' and 'que' in questions?

Answer: 'Que' is used as an adjective followed by a noun (like 'que professor' - which teacher), while 'qual' is used as a pronoun when implying a choice (like 'qual deles' - which one of them).

7. Question

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Explain how to use the question word 'quantos' with an example.

Answer: 'Quantos' means 'how many'. For example, you could ask, 'Quantos dias há numa semana?' which translates to 'How many days are there in a week?'. This form is useful for inquiring about quantities.

8.Question

Why is it important to understand how to form questions in a language?

Answer: Understanding how to form questions is essential for effective communication. It allows you to gather information, clarify understanding, and engage in conversations.

9.Question

How is 'porque' different when it stands alone versus as part of a question?

Answer: When 'porque' stands alone as 'Why?', it is often written with a circumflex accent as 'porquê'. However, in questions, it is commonly used without the accent.

10.Question

Can you provide an example that illustrates the structure

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of a question using an interrogative word?

Answer: Absolutely! For 'How do you say that in Portuguese?' you would say 'Como se diz em português?'. Here, 'Como' is the interrogative word that asks how something is expressed.

11.Question

What is the common mistake regarding the use of the verb 'to do' in English questions when applying it to Portuguese?

Answer: Unlike in English, where 'to do' is frequently used to form questions (e.g., 'Do you speak English?'), in Portuguese, the verb 'to do' is not used this way. Instead, questions can be formed directly using the verb.

Chapter 3 | Nouns and Articles.| Q&A

1.Question

What are the general rules for identifying the gender of Portuguese nouns?

Answer: 1. Nouns typically denoting male persons or animals are masculine, while those denoting females

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are feminine. However, many nouns don't fit this rule.

2. Endings can indicate gender: masculine nouns often end in -o, -im, -om, or -um (e.g., o médico - the doctor), and feminine nouns generally end in -a, -ção, -dade, or -gem (e.g., a criada - the maid). Exceptions exist.

3. The context or meaning may also provide clues, such as 'o leão' (the lion) being masculine and 'a leoa' (the lioness) being feminine.

2.Question

How do you form plurals of Portuguese nouns that end in vowels?

Answer:For most Portuguese nouns ending in vowels, simply add 's' to form the plural. For example, 'a casa' (the house) becomes 'as casas' (the houses) and 'o livro' (the book) becomes 'os livros' (the books).

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3.Question

What is the significance of learning definite and indefinite articles in Portuguese?

Answer:In Portuguese, definite (o, a, os, as) and indefinite articles (um, uma, uns, umas) must agree in gender and number with the nouns they modify. This agreement is crucial for grammatical correctness and clarity in communication.

4.Question

Can you explain how to form the plural of nouns ending in -ão?

Answer:Nouns ending in -ão typically change to -ões in the plural. For instance, 'a lição' (the lesson) becomes 'as lições' (the lessons). A few special cases change to -ães, but these are rare.

5.Question

What role do suffixes play in Portuguese nouns?

Answer:Suffixes in Portuguese nouns modify meaning. For example, 'homem' (man) becomes 'homenzinho' (small man) or 'homenzarrão' (big man). This flexibility allows for

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nuanced expression in the language.

6.Question

How does Portuguese differ from English regarding the use of articles?

Answer:Unlike English where 'the' is used uniformly across nouns, Portuguese requires articles to agree in gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural), which adds a layer of complexity in learning the language.

7.Question

Why is it important to memorize articles with nouns in Portuguese?

Answer:Memorizing nouns alongside their articles is crucial because it aids in internalizing the grammatical gender, helping learners avoid errors and communicate correctly.

8.Question

How can contractions of prepositions and articles affect sentence structure?

Answer:In Portuguese, prepositions like 'de' and 'em' contract with definite articles, influencing sentence structure. For example, 'de + o' becomes 'do' (of the), thus changing how

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sentences are formed and understood.

9.Question

What is a practical example of using indefinite articles in Portuguese?

Answer: An example of an indefinite article in Portuguese would be 'uma janela' (a window) for feminine nouns and 'um carro' (a car) for masculine nouns. In plural, you might say 'umas janelas' (some windows) or 'uns carros' (some cars).

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Chapter 4 | Adjectives| Q&A

1.Question

How do adjectives in Portuguese agree with nouns?

Answer:In Portuguese, adjectives must agree in gender and number with the nouns they describe. A masculine singular noun requires a masculine singular adjective, while a feminine singular noun requires a feminine singular adjective. For example, 'o homem novo' (the young man) uses the masculine singular form, whereas 'a mulher nova' (the young woman) uses the feminine singular form.

2.Question

What are the general rules for transforming masculine adjectives into feminine adjectives in Portuguese?

Answer:1. Most masculine adjectives ending in -o change to -a in the feminine form (e.g., 'branco' to 'branca').

2. Adjectives that end in -e remain unchanged in the feminine form (e.g., 'verde' remains 'verde').

3. Adjectives ending in a consonant usually do not change

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(e.g., 'amável' stays 'amável').

4. Nationality adjectives that end in -es and -l often change by adding -a (e.g., 'ingles' to 'inglesa').

5. Adjectives ending in -ão drop -o when made feminine (e.g., 'alemão' to 'alemã').

6. Some adjectives change -eu to -eia for the feminine form (e.g., 'europeu' to 'europeia').

7. Remember that 'bom' becomes 'boa' and 'mau' becomes 'má'.

3.Question

What are some adjectives that do not follow the usual rules when forming their feminine forms?

Answer:Some significant irregular feminine forms to keep in mind include 'bom' (good) becoming 'boa', 'mau' (bad) changing to 'má', and the numeral adjective 'dois' (two) which has the feminine form 'duas'.

4.Question

How do adjectives form their plural in Portuguese?

Answer:Adjectives generally form their plural by following

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the same rules as the nouns they accompany. For instance, adjectives ending in a vowel typically add -s (e.g., 'novo' becomes 'novos'). If the adjective ends in -r or -z, it changes to -es (e.g., 'feliz' becomes 'felizes'). Some adjectives have irregular plural forms, such as 'alemão' (German) becoming 'alemães' (for masculine plural) and 'alemã' becoming 'alemãs' (for feminine plural).

5.Question

Where do adjectives usually appear in relation to nouns in Portuguese?

Answer: In Portuguese, adjectives commonly follow the nouns they describe (e.g., 'uma língua difícil' – a difficult language). However, some common adjectives like 'bom' (good), 'belo' (beautiful), and 'grande' (big) often appear before the noun, changing the nuance (e.g., 'um belo presente' – a beautiful gift). The placement of the adjective can alter its connotation.

6.Question

Can the position of adjectives in Portuguese affect their meaning?

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Answer: Yes, the placement of adjectives can significantly change their meaning. For example, 'um homem grande' (a large man) emphasizes size, whereas 'um grande homem' (a great man) focuses on stature or character. Similarly, 'o bom ano' (the good year) implies a prosperous time, while 'o ano bom' might refer to a specific good year. This highlights the nuanced use of adjectives based on their position relative to nouns.

7.Question

What is an important distinction to remember when using the adjective 'muito'?

Answer: It is essential not to confuse the variable adjective 'muito' (much, many) or its forms (muita, muitos, muitas) with the invariable adverb 'muito' (very, a lot). For instance, 'Ele está muito cansado' (He is very tired) uses the adverb, while 'muitos anos' (many years) uses the adjective.

Chapter 5 | Adverbs| Q&A

1.Question

How are adverbs formed in Portuguese compared to English?

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Answer: In Portuguese, adverbs are typically formed by adding -mente to the feminine singular form of the corresponding adjective, whereas in English, adverbs are often formed by adding -ly to the adjective. For example, the adjective 'claro' (clear) becomes 'claramente' (clearly) in Portuguese.

2.Question

Can you explain the rule for using multiple adverbs in a sentence?

Answer: When using multiple adverbs that end in -mente, generally only the last adverb takes the -mente ending. For instance, in the sentence 'Ele caminhava vagarosa, resoluta e corajosamente' (He walked slowly, resolutely, and courageously), only 'corajosamente' ends with -mente.

3.Question

What are some adverbs in Portuguese that do not follow the -mente pattern?

Answer: Some common adverbs that do not end in -mente include 'bem' (well), 'mal' (badly), 'demais' (too, too much),

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'pouco' (little), 'tão' (so), 'sempre' (always), and 'logo' (at once). For example, 'João canta muito bem' translates to 'John sings very well.'

4.Question

What is the placement of adverbs in relation to the words they modify?

Answer:In general, adverbs precede the words they modify but follow the verb. For exceptions, adverbs may be placed differently for emphasis or euphony, such as 'Ela sempre sorri' (She always smiles), where 'sempre' comes before the verb.

5.Question

How should one remember common adverbs that are significant in everyday conversation?

Answer:It's beneficial to memorize common adverbs and their meanings, such as 'bem' (well), 'mal' (badly), 'sempre' (always), 'aqui' (here), and 'ali' (over there), as they are frequently used in daily communication. For instance, 'Esse livro está aqui' means 'This book is here.' Knowing these will

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aid in building fluency and understanding.

Chapter 6 | Comparisons of Adjectives and Adverbs| Q&A

1.Question

What is the main difference between English and Portuguese when it comes to comparing inequality in adjectives and adverbs?

Answer:In English, you can form comparisons of inequality by adding -er or -est to certain adjectives and adverbs, or by using 'more' and 'less'. In contrast, Portuguese has a singular method: you prepend 'mais' (more), 'menos' (less), 'o mais' (the most), or 'o menos' (the least) to the adjective or adverb.

2.Question

How do you express the superlative form in Portuguese, and what are some examples?

Answer:The absolute superlative in Portuguese often involves adding -íssimo to the adjective. For instance, 'rico' (rich) becomes 'riquíssimo' (extremely rich), and

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'interessante' (interesting) becomes 'interessantísimo' (very interesting).

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Chapter 7 | Expressing Possession| Q&A

1.Question

How do possessive adjectives in Portuguese differ from those in English?

Answer:In Portuguese, possessive adjectives are commonly preceded by definite articles (e.g., 'o meu' for 'my'). Unlike English, which can use possessive forms with an apostrophe, Portuguese expresses possession through constructions similar to 'the book of the teacher.' For example, 'o livro do professor.' This emphasizes the cultural context of possession which is integral to the language's structure.

2.Question

What should you remember about the agreement of possessive adjectives with nouns in Portuguese?

Answer:Possessive adjectives agree in gender and number with the noun they precede. For instance, 'a minha casa' (my house) uses 'minha' which is feminine singular to match

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'casa.' Conversely, you would say 'os meus livros' (my books) where 'meus' is masculine plural to match 'livros.' Ensuring correct agreement is crucial for clear communication.

3.Question

What do the forms 'seu', 'sua', and 'seus' imply in a sentence?

Answer: The forms 'seu', 'sua', and 'seus' can mean 'his', 'her', 'its', 'their', or 'your' (in a formal context). For example, 'senhor, eis o seu passaporte' translates to 'sir, here is your passport.' Context is essential in conversations to determine which person the possessive refers to.

4.Question

When is the definite article omitted before possessive adjectives?

Answer: The definite article is omitted before unmodified family words, after the word 'este', after numerals, and when the possessive stands alone. For instance, 'Meu pai é velho' (My father is old) omits the article before 'pai.' Another example is 'Este meu livro é azul' (This book of mine is

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blue), where the definite article is not used.

5.Question

Why might a learner of Portuguese choose to use the forms 'dele' and 'dela'?

Answer:Using 'dele' (his), 'dela' (her), 'deles' (their) can clarify ownership and reduce ambiguity. For example, in 'João está aqui mas o amigo dele está no Rio,' it's clear that 'de' indicates possession relating to João. This is especially helpful when discussing multiple people's possessions to avoid confusion.

6.Question

What about the use of 'teu' and 'vosso' in possession?

Answer:The forms 'teu' (your) and 'vosso' (your, plural) are informal and more suitable for close relationships, often avoided by tourists. It's recommended to use 'seu' for politeness and formality. Knowing the context of these terms aids in respectful communication.

7.Question

Can you give an example where the possessive adjective is omitted?

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Answer: Yes, especially with body parts or clothing, possessive adjectives may be omitted. For instance, saying 'Cortei a mão' (I cut my hand) omits 'minha' because ownership is implicit. It highlights a cultural understanding that such parts of the body are inherently personal.

8.Question

What is a practical takeaway for travelers using possessive forms in Portuguese?

Answer: Travelers should prioritize using 'seu' or 'do senhor' for 'your,' as these are universally accepted and polite.

Avoiding the use of 'teu' with strangers or in formal situations will help maintain respect, and being conscious of the cultural norms surrounding possession will facilitate smoother interactions.

Chapter 8 | Demonstrative Adjectives and Pronouns| Q&A

1.Question

What are the Portuguese demonstrative adjectives and their agreement with nouns?

Answer: The Portuguese demonstrative adjectives

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are este (this), esse (that), and aquele (that). They agree in gender and number with the noun they accompany: este (masculine singular), esta (feminine singular), estes (masculine plural), and estas (feminine plural), for 'this'; esse (masculine singular), essa (feminine singular), esses (masculine plural), and essas (feminine plural), for 'that'; and aquele (masculine singular), aquela (feminine singular), aqueles (masculine plural), and aquelas (feminine plural), for 'that (over there)'. For example: 'Esta casa é branca' (This house is white) and 'Aquela montanha é alta' (That mountain [over there] is high).

2.Question

How are the demonstrative adjectives distinguished in terms of proximity?

Answer: The difference lies in their proximity: 'esse' refers to something near the listener (e.g., 'Esse cão é feroz' - That dog [near you] is fierce), while 'aquele' refers to something

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further away from both the speaker and listener (e.g., 'Aquela montanha é alta' - That mountain [over there] is high).

3.Question

What are the contractions formed with the Portuguese prepositions when used with demonstrative adjectives?

Answer: Common contractions with demonstrative adjectives include: 'de + este' = 'deste', 'de + esse' = 'desse', 'de + aquele' = 'daquele', and so on for 'em' and 'a' (e.g. 'em + este' = 'neste'). These contractions simplify phrases, such as 'O livro deste rapaz está nessa mala' (The book of this boy is in that suitcase).

4.Question

Can you give an example of demonstrative pronouns in a sentence?

Answer: Yes! For example, 'Esta é mais bonita que aquela' translates to 'This one is nicer than that one.' Here, 'esta' is a demonstrative pronoun referring to a table or item that is closer to the speaker, while 'aquela' refers to another table or item that is further away.

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5.Question

What are the specific roles of the pronouns 'isto', 'isso', and 'aquilo'?

Answer: The pronouns 'isto' (this), 'isso' (that [near you]), and 'aquilo' (that [over there]) are used for referring to facts, ideas, or vaguely identified objects, never to persons. For instance, in the question 'Que é isto?' (What is this?), 'isto' is used to inquire about an item in close proximity.

6.Question

How do contractions work with 'isto', 'isso', and 'aquilo' in Portuguese?

Answer: The prepositions contract with these pronouns: 'de' contracts to 'disto', 'disso', and 'daquilo'; 'em' contracts to 'nisto', 'nisso', and 'naquilo'; and 'a' contracts with 'aquilo' to form 'àquilo'. This contraction helps create fluidity in language, such as saying 'Isso não tem importância' (That does not matter).

7.Question

How does understanding demonstrative adjectives and pronouns help in learning Portuguese?

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Answer: Understanding demonstrative adjectives and pronouns is crucial in mastering Portuguese, as they allow speakers to express proximity and differentiate between items or ideas effectively. This clarity enhances communication and makes conversations more descriptive and accurate.

8.Question

What are the differences between using demonstrative adjectives and pronouns?

Answer: Demonstrative adjectives accompany nouns to provide specific detail (e.g., 'este livro' - this book), while demonstrative pronouns replace nouns when the noun is understood from context (e.g., 'Este é bom' - This one is good). This distinction is essential for constructing coherent sentences in Portuguese.

Chapter 9 | Personal Pronouns| Q&A

1.Question

What are the different forms of subject pronouns in Portuguese and how do they compare to English?

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Answer: In Portuguese, subject pronouns vary with gender and formality, unlike English, which has more limited forms. For example: 1st person singular is "eu" (I), and in the plural, it's "nós" (we). For the 2nd person, the familiar form is "tu" (you), while the polite forms include "o senhor" (you, polite masc.) or "a senhora" (you, polite fem.). In the 3rd person, "ele" (he) and "ela" (she) are used as singular, with "eles" (they, masc.) and "elas" (they, fem.) for plural.

2.Question

How is 'tu' used in Portuguese compared to 'você'?

Answer: "Tu" is primarily used in Portugal among close friends and family, often implying familiarity. In contrast, "você" is more common in Brazil and serves similar contexts but is less formal than "o senhor" and "a senhora." Thus, depending on the region and relationship, the choice of 'tu' or 'você' will affect the tone of the conversation.

3.Question

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What are the main direct and indirect object pronouns in Portuguese, and how do they function differently?

Answer: Direct object pronouns in Portuguese include 'me' (me), 'te' (you, familiar), 'o' (him/it, masc.), 'a' (her/it, fem.), and their plural forms. Indirect object pronouns, however, denote the recipient of the action, such as 'me' (to me), 'te' (to you), 'lhe' (to him/her), and their plurals. The positioning differs as well; in affirmative statements, these pronouns can precede or follow the verb, but in negative sentences, they must precede the verb.

4.Question

How can one avoid confusion with double object pronouns in sentences?

Answer: To avoid using two object pronouns together, one can replace them with nouns or rephrase the sentence. For instance, instead of saying 'Deu-mo' (gave it to me), one can say 'Deu-me o livro' (gave me the book), thus clarifying the subject and avoiding ambiguity.

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What are the stressed forms of personal pronouns in Portuguese, and in what context are they used?

Answer: Stressed forms of personal pronouns, such as 'para mim' (for me) and 'para ti' (for you), are used after prepositions. These forms help clarify who the action is directed towards without combining pronouns, which can lead to confusion, especially in complex sentences.

6.Question

What role do the polite forms of 'you' play in Portuguese interaction?

Answer: Polite forms such as 'o senhor' and 'a senhora' cater to formal contexts. They are important for showing respect and are used predominantly in conversation with people who are unknown or in professional settings, emphasizing the distinction between familiarity and politeness in social interactions.

7.Question

How does the use of object pronouns change when involving both direct and indirect objects?

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Answer: When both direct and indirect object pronouns are present, the indirect one precedes the direct. For instance, if saying 'I gave him the book,' one would express it as 'Eu lhe dei o livro,' placing the indirect pronoun 'lhe' before 'o' (it) rather than after.

8.Question

Why might someone opt to use the full forms of polite pronouns rather than the abbreviated versions in conversation?

Answer: Using full forms such as 'o senhor' instead of just 'o' helps avoid confusion, especially in contexts where multiple meanings exist. It ensures clarity in communication and shows a level of respect in formal interactions.

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Chapter 10 | Que as Conjunction and Relative Pronoun| Q&A

1.Question

What is the primary function of 'que' in Portuguese?

Answer:In Portuguese, 'que' serves as both a conjunction and a relative pronoun. As a conjunction, it must always be expressed, unlike in English where 'that' can often be omitted. As a relative pronoun, it refers to people or things and can be used in both singular and plural forms, masculine or feminine.

2.Question

How does 'que' differ from English conjunctions?

Answer:While English can omit the conjunction 'that' in sentences like 'I know (that) she is coming', in Portuguese the conjunction 'que' must always be included, such as in 'Sei que ela vem'.

3.Question

Can you provide an example using 'que' as a relative pronoun?

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Answer: Certainly! In the sentence 'Ele é o mesmo rapaz que veio a semana passada', 'que' refers to a person (the boy) and is used as the subject of the sentence.

4.Question

What is the translation of 'who' in Portuguese and when is it used?

Answer: The Portuguese translations of 'who' depend on the context. As a relative pronoun, it is often 'que' as seen in 'o rapaz que vem', but when after prepositions, it becomes 'quem', as in 'o estudante de quem fala' (the student whom he speaks of).

5.Question

How do the Portuguese translate 'whose'?

Answer: 'Whose' in Portuguese is translated as 'cujo', 'cujas', 'cujos', or 'cujas', depending on the gender and number of the noun that follows it. For example, 'A mulher cujos filhos estão doentes está muito preocupada' means 'The woman whose children are ill is very worried'.

6.Question

What should one be careful about when using relative

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pronouns in Portuguese?

Answer: One must be careful to distinguish between the different relative pronouns in Portuguese for 'who', 'which', 'what', and 'whose', as they have unique translations and usages. Additionally, it is important not to confuse 'que' (as a relative pronoun) with 'aquela' (a demonstrative).

Chapter 11 | Prepositions| Q&A

1.Question

What are some of the important prepositions introduced in this chapter and what do they mean?

Answer: Some important prepositions introduced are: 'antes de' (before), 'após' (after), 'depois de' (after), 'até' (until), 'desde' (since), 'através de' (through/across), 'sob' (under), 'sobre' (over/on), 'por cima de' (over/above), and 'ao lado de' (beside). They indicate various relationships such as time, position, and direction.

2.Question

How do the prepositions 'por' and 'para' differ in

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meaning and use?

Answer: 'Por' is used to indicate reasons or exchanges, as in 'ele lutou pela pátria' (he fought for the sake of the country) or 'quanto pagou pelos sapatos?' (how much did you pay for the shoes?). In contrast, 'para' indicates a destination or purpose, such as 'este regalo é para o Joãozinho' (this present is for little Johnny) or 'partimos logo para os Estados Unidos' (we are leaving at once for the United States).

3.Question

Can you give an example of 'por' and 'para' in a sentence?

Answer: Certainly! An example of 'por' is 'Ele foi acusado por um desconhecido' (he was accused by a stranger) which emphasizes the reason for the action. An example of 'para' is 'Vamos para o jardim' (let's go to the garden), which indicates the destination of the action.

4.Question

Why is understanding the use of prepositions important in learning Portuguese?

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Answer: Understanding the use of prepositions is crucial because they convey meaning related to time, location, purpose, and reason. Misusing them can lead to confusion and misunderstandings in communication, and mastering them enhances fluency in the language.

5.Question

How can beginners best distinguish between 'por' and 'para' in their usage?

Answer: Beginners can distinguish 'por' and 'para' by remembering that 'por' often relates to reasons and exchanges, while 'para' relates to destinations or purposes. Practicing with clear examples will help solidify these differences.

6.Question

What is the significance of contraction with the definite article with the preposition 'por'?

Answer: The significance of contraction with 'por' is seen in phrases like 'pelo' (for the), 'pela' (for the - feminine), 'pelos' (for the - plural), and 'pelas' (for the - plural feminine). This

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is important for grammatical correctness and fluency in spoken and written Portuguese.

7.Question

How are the prepositions visually represented in the sentences given?

Answer:The prepositions are integrated into sentences that illustrate their meanings, showing direction, time, or relationships, such as 'A estrada vai até o Porto.' (The road goes as far as Oporto), clearly indicating distance and endpoint.

Chapter 12 | Verbs| Q&A

1.Question

Why is it important to memorize the different verb endings in Portuguese?

Answer:Memorizing the different verb endings in Portuguese is essential because each subject pronoun corresponds to a unique verb ending. In Portuguese, failure to use the correct ending can lead to misunderstandings, as many verbs can sound

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similar but carry different meanings based on their conjugation. For example, 'falo' means 'I speak' while 'fala' means 'you speak.' Understanding these distinctions is crucial for effective communication.

2.Question

How do Portuguese verbs compare to English verbs in terms of complexity?

Answer:Portuguese verbs are generally more complex than English verbs due to several factors, including a greater number of tenses and unique endings for each subject pronoun. Unlike English, where most verbs retain a consistent form across different subjects (e.g., 'I walk' vs. 'he walks'), Portuguese requires an understanding of specific endings for each pronoun, such as 'eu falo' for 'I speak' and 'ele fala' for 'he speaks.' This complexity necessitates a more thorough study of verb conjugations.

3.Question

What are the three conjugations of Portuguese verbs and their model verbs?

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Answer:Portuguese verbs are divided into three conjugations based on their infinitive endings: first conjugation (-ar), represented by the model verb 'falar' (to speak); second conjugation (-er), represented by 'vender' (to sell); and third conjugation (-ir), represented by 'partir' (to depart). Each conjugation has specific ending rules that are generally applied to all regular verbs within that group.

4.Question

How is the present tense in Portuguese both similar and different from English?

Answer:In both Portuguese and English, the present tense can express ongoing actions, such as 'I am speaking.'

However, Portuguese only has one form for the present tense that encompasses all meanings, unlike English, which has multiple forms (e.g., 'I laugh,' 'I am laughing,' 'I do laugh'). Therefore, a single form in Portuguese, such as 'falo,' can imply all those meanings. This simplifies conjugation but requires contextual understanding.

5.Question

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What is the importance of distinguishing between the present, past, and future tenses in Portuguese?

Answer: Distinguishing between present, past, and future tenses in Portuguese is crucial for conveying accurate information about timing and context in conversation. Each tense serves a specific purpose: present tense for current actions, past tense for completed actions, and future tense for actions that will take place. Understanding these distinctions helps in forming grammatically correct sentences and effectively communicating intentions.

6.Question

What role does the verb 'estar' play in Portuguese compared to 'ser'?

Answer: The verb 'estar' is used to describe temporary states or locations, such as 'Estou aqui' (I am here). In contrast, 'ser' is used for permanent characteristics or identities, such as 'Eu sou americano' (I am American). This differentiation is crucial as it influences how a speaker presents identity, emotions, and conditions.

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7.Question

How do the verbs 'saber' and 'conhecer' differ in usage?

Answer: While both 'saber' and 'conhecer' can be translated as 'to know,' they have distinct uses in Portuguese. 'Saber' indicates knowledge about facts or skills (e.g., 'Eu sei onde está o livro' - 'I know where the book is'), whereas 'conhecer' refers to being familiar with people or places (e.g., 'Eu conheço aquele restaurante' - 'I know that restaurant'). This distinction is important for accurate expression.

8.Question

How does the progressive tense work in Portuguese, and what is the role of 'estar'?

Answer: The progressive tense in Portuguese uses the verb 'estar' along with the present participle (gerund) to indicate ongoing actions. For example, 'Estou falando' translates to 'I am speaking.' This construction emphasizes the action in progress. Unlike English, where continuous forms are more commonly used, the progressive tense in Portuguese is less frequent and used in specific contexts.

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9.Question

What is the significance of the subjunctive mood in Portuguese?

Answer:The subjunctive mood is significant in Portuguese as it conveys doubt, desire, hypothetical situations, or indirectly expressed actions. It is more prevalent in Portuguese than in English and is essential for expressing complex thoughts and emotional nuances, such as in sentences like 'Espero que você venha' (I hope that you come). Familiarity with the subjunctive forms and their uses is vital for advanced communication.

10.Question

What are the common idiomatic constructions using the verb 'fazer'?

Answer:The verb 'fazer' has several idiomatic expressions in Portuguese that do not have direct English equivalents. For example, 'Faz frio' means 'It is cold' (literally 'It makes cold'), and 'Faz-se tarde' means 'It is getting late.' These expressions are idiomatic and should be learned as part of mastering the

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language, as they reflect cultural nuances that cannot be directly translated.

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Chapter 13 | Appendix A. Complete Paradigm of the Three Regular Conjugations| Q&A

1.Question

What are the regular conjugations of the verb 'falar' in the present tense?

Answer:In the present tense, 'falar' is conjugated as follows: eu falo, tu falas, ele/ela/você fala, nós falamos, vós falais, eles/elas/vocês falam.

2.Question

How do you form the present perfect tense in Portuguese?

Answer:The present perfect tense in Portuguese is formed with the present tense of the auxiliary verb 'ter' (or sometimes 'haver') followed by the past participle of the main verb. For example, 'Eu tenho falado' means 'I have spoken.'

3.Question

What is the primary usage of the present perfect tense in Portuguese?

Answer:The present perfect tense is primarily used when an action has started in the past and is still ongoing or relevant to the present. For instance, 'Tenho estudado desde as três

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horas' translates to 'I have been studying since three o'clock,' indicating continuous action.

4.Question

What distinguishes the secondary pluperfect tense in Portuguese from the compound pluperfect?

Answer:The secondary pluperfect tense is distinguished by its specific endings and does not use a helping verb. It is formed by dropping '-ram' from the third person plural of the past definite form and adding '-ra, -ras, -ra, -ramos, -reis, -ram.' For instance, 'ele já falara' means 'he had already spoken.'

5.Question

How is the future perfect tense constructed in Portuguese?

Answer:The future perfect tense is constructed using the future tense of the auxiliary verb 'ter' followed by the past participle of the main verb. For example, 'Ela terá feito isso antes de domingo' means 'She will have done that before Sunday.'

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6.Question

Can you explain the conditional perfect tense in Portuguese?

Answer:The conditional perfect tense is formed with the conditional tense of the auxiliary verb 'ter' and the past participle. It is used similarly to English, such as in 'Eu o teria feito com prazer,' translating to 'I would have done it with pleasure.'

7.Question

What is the subjunctive form of the present perfect tense?

Answer:The present perfect subjunctive tense is formed using the present subjunctive of 'ter' (or 'haver') with the past participle. An example is 'Lamento que ele já tenha vindo,' which means 'I am sorry that he has already come.'

8.Question

How is the future perfect subjunctive tense formed and used?

Answer:The future perfect subjunctive tense is rarely used and is formed with the future subjunctive of 'ter' (or 'haver') plus the past participle. Its specific usage examples were not

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provided in the text, highlighting its rarity in everyday conversation.

9.Question

What are the common forms of the imperative mood for 'falar', 'vender', and 'partir'?

Answer:The imperative forms for 'falar' are: fala (tu), fale (você), falemos (nós), falai (vós), falem (vocês). For 'vender': vende (tu), venda (você), vendamos (nós), vendei (vós), vendam (vocês). For 'partir': parte (tu), parta (você), partamos (nós), parti (vós), partam (vocês).

10.Question

Why is understanding the structure of these tenses important for learners of Portuguese?

Answer:Understanding the structure of these tenses is essential for learners to communicate effectively and accurately convey time and aspects of actions. Each tense has its specific uses that reflect nuances in meaning, which are critical for fluency in both spoken and written Portuguese.

Chapter 14 | Appendix B. Orthographic-Changing Verbs| Q&A

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1.Question

What are orthographic-changing verbs in Portuguese?

Answer:Orthographic-changing verbs in Portuguese are those that undergo predictable spelling changes to highlight their pronunciation. These changes primarily occur before certain vowels and are designed to maintain the correct sound of the consonants in the verb stems. For example, the stem of 'marcar' becomes 'marquei' instead of 'mareei' in the past tense to show that the 'c' retains its hard sound.

2.Question

Why is it important to understand orthographic changes in verbs?

Answer:Understanding orthographic changes is crucial for proper spelling and pronunciation when conjugating verbs. By recognizing how certain endings affect the verb stems, learners can avoid common mistakes and enhance their communication skills in Portuguese.

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3.Question

Can you provide an example of a verb that undergoes an orthographic change and explain the reasoning behind it?

Answer:An example is the verb 'marcar' (to mark). In the first person singular of the past tense, instead of writing 'mareei,' it changes to 'marquei.' This is because the 'c' must be represented as 'qu' before the vowel 'e' to retain its hard pronunciation, illustrating the rule that affects how it is spelled in different tenses.

4.Question

How do these orthographic changes affect verb conjugation across different tenses?

Answer:Orthographic changes affect various tenses by altering the inflectional endings depending on the vowel that follows. For example, in the present subjunctive, other forms like 'que' and 'quem' will change the verb endings accordingly to maintain pronunciation while conjugating verbs such as 'erguer' (to raise) or 'seguir' (to follow).

5.Question

What are the implications of these orthographic rules for

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language learners?

Answer:For language learners, these orthographic rules imply that attention to detail is necessary. Mastering these changes can significantly improve their ability to write and speak accurately, as neglecting to apply these rules could lead to misunderstandings or incorrect usage in everyday communication.

6.Question

How does the concept of orthographic changes in verbs connect to broader themes in language learning?

Answer:Orthographic changes highlight the intricate relationship between language structure, pronunciation, and meaning. This reflects broader themes in language learning, such as the importance of understanding not just vocabulary but also the rules that govern how words function in different contexts, thereby deepening one's linguistic capability and fluency.

Chapter 15 | Appendix C. Radical-Changing Verbs| Q&A

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1.Question

What are radical-changing verbs and how do they differ from regular verbs?

Answer:Radical-changing verbs are regular verbs that undergo specific predictable changes in their stem vowels in certain forms of the present tense indicative and subjunctive, as well as in polite command forms. Unlike regular verbs, which maintain their stem vowels regardless of conjugation, radical-changing verbs alter their vowel sounds according to particular rules.

2.Question

Can you provide an example of a first conjugation radical-changing verb and its conjugation?

Answer:Certainly! The verb 'recear' (to fear) is a first conjugation radical-changing verb. It changes its stem vowel 'e' to 'ei' in the present tense. For example, in the present indicative, it is conjugated as: eu receio, tu receias, ele/ela/você receia, nós receamos, vós receais, eles/elas/vocês

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receiam.

3.Question

What is the significance of verb conjugation in mastering Portuguese?

Answer: Verb conjugation is crucial in mastering Portuguese as it helps convey the subject's action clearly, determines the time of the action, and reflects the mood or intention of the speaker. Mastering conjugations, especially those of irregular verbs, enhances communication and comprehension in both spoken and written Portuguese, making it essential for fluency.

4.Question

How do the stem vowel changes in third conjugation verbs, such as 'preferir' and 'dormir', occur?

Answer: In third conjugation verbs like 'preferir' (to prefer) and 'dormir' (to sleep), the stem vowel 'e' changes to 'i' and 'o' changes to 'u' in the first person singular of the present indicative and throughout the present subjunctive. For example, 'eu prefiro' for 'I prefer' and 'eu durmo' for 'I sleep.'

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These changes happen consistently across the verb forms.

5.Question

What are some common verbs that follow the same conjugation pattern as 'dormir'?

Answer: Verbs that follow the same pattern of conjugation as 'dormir' include 'cobrir' (to cover), which changes its stem vowel and conjugates similarly in the present tense forms.

6.Question

How do you conjugate the verb 'subir' and what other verbs are conjugated the same way?

Answer: The verb 'subir' (to ascend, climb) is conjugated in the present indicative as: eu subo, tu sobes, ele/ela/você sobe, nós subimos, vós subis, eles/elas/vocês sobem. Other verbs that follow the same pattern include 'consumir' (to consume), 'fugir' (to flee), 'sacudir' (to shake), and 'sumir' (to sink). This highlights the consistency in conjugation among certain verbs in Portuguese.

7.Question

Why is it important to study radical-changing verbs when learning Portuguese?

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Answer: Studying radical-changing verbs is key for learners of Portuguese, as these verbs are commonly used in daily conversation and writing. Understanding their conjugation rules not only improves verbal communication but also helps learners read and comprehend written texts more effectively, as these verbs often appear in various contexts.

8.Question

What role does the appendix play in the grammar book?

Answer: The appendix serves as a valuable resource for understanding specific aspects of Portuguese grammar, particularly the patterns and rules of radical-changing verbs. It provides detailed examples and conjugations that aid learners in mastering these important verb forms, enhancing their overall understanding of the language.

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Chapter 16 | Appendix D. Irregular Verbs| Q&A

1.Question

What are irregular verbs and why are they important in Portuguese?

Answer:Irregular verbs are those that do not follow standard conjugation patterns, making them challenging to learn. They are crucial because they form the foundation of everyday communication in Portuguese, influencing how we express actions, desires, and occurrences in varying tenses.

2.Question

How can knowing the past participle of verbs help in forming compound tenses?

Answer:Once you know the past participle of a verb, you can easily construct various compound tenses in Portuguese, such as the present perfect or the future perfect by combining it with the appropriate form of 'ter' (to have) or 'haver'. This method streamlines the learning process, allowing you to express complex actions without needing to memorize each

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tense individually.

3.Question

What examples can you provide of irregular verbs in the first person singular of the present indicative?

Answer:Some examples include 'eu meço' (I measure), 'eu ouço' (I hear), and 'eu perco' (I lose). These forms are irregular as they deviate from the expected standard conjugation patterns.

4.Question

In what contexts are irregular past participles used as adjectives?

Answer:Irregular past participles are primarily used as adjectives in passive voice constructions. For instance, 'a porta está aberta' (the door is open) utilizes the irregular past participle 'aberta' to describe the state of the subject.

5.Question

Can you explain the significance of verbs that have both regular and irregular past participles?

Answer:Verbs like 'acender' (to light) illustrate this significance, having both 'acendido' (regular) and 'aceso'

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(irregular) forms. The regular form is used in compound tenses while the irregular form often serves as an adjective, showing the flexibility and context-dependent nature of participle usage in language.

6.Question

Why are some forms of certain verbs considered archaic?

Answer:Forms like 'ganhado' (gained), 'gastado' (spent), and 'pagado' (paid) are considered archaic because they've fallen out of common usage in contemporary language, making way for their more commonly used irregular counterparts, thus reflecting the evolution of the language.

7.Question

What role do polite command forms play in using irregular verbs?

Answer:Polite command forms, such as 'meça' (measure), 'ouça' (hear), and 'diga' (say), are essential for respectfully instructing or urging someone. These forms not only convey requests but also express social nuances, demonstrating the importance of understanding conjugation variances in

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practical communication.

8.Question

What are some verbs that are irregular in the imperfect indicative?

Answer:The verbs 'pôr' (to put), 'ser' (to be), 'ter' (to have), and 'vir' (to come) show irregular patterns in the imperfect indicative, indicating that their conjugation does not follow typical endings, thus requiring specific memorization to use correctly.

9.Question

How can understanding irregular verbs enhance communication in Portuguese?

Answer:Grasping the irregular verbs allows learners to speak and write more fluidly and accurately, as these verbs are prevalent in daily conversations, enriching the speaker's ability to express complex ideas and interactions.

Chapter 17 | A Glossary of Grammatical Terms| Q&A

1.Question

Why is it important to understand grammatical terms

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when studying a language?

Answer: Understanding grammatical terms is crucial because it provides a common vocabulary for discussing the structure and rules of the language. Just as a mechanic needs to know car parts to fix a vehicle, a language learner needs to know grammatical terms to effectively analyze and construct sentences.

2.Question

What are the eight parts of speech in English?

Answer: The eight parts of speech in English are nouns, adjectives, articles, verbs, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, and conjunctions. Each category plays a unique role in sentence construction.

3.Question

How can you identify a noun in a sentence?

Answer: You can identify a noun by checking if you can place words like "my," "this," or "large" in front of it. If it makes sense, the word is likely a noun, as nouns name people,

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places, things, or ideas.

4.Question

What is the function of adjectives in a sentence?

Answer:Adjectives provide specific information about nouns, describing qualities such as size, color, and weight. For instance, in 'the large dog,' 'large' is the adjective modifying the noun 'dog.'

5.Question

What are verbs and how do they function in sentences?

Answer:Verbs indicate actions, conditions, or relationships within a sentence. For example, in 'She runs,' 'runs' is the verb that describes the action performed.

6.Question

How do adverbs enhance the meaning of a sentence?

Answer:Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs, providing additional information about how, when, where, or to what degree an action occurs, such as 'He runs quickly,' where 'quickly' modifies the verb 'runs.'

7.Question

What is the purpose of pronouns in English?

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Answer:Pronouns replace nouns to avoid repetition and simplify sentences. For example, instead of saying 'John said that John would go to the store,' you can say 'John said that he would go to the store.'

8.Question

Explain the roles of direct and indirect objects with examples.

Answer:Direct objects receive the action of the verb directly and typically follow the verb, such as in 'She kicked the ball' (where 'ball' is the direct object). Indirect objects indicate to or for whom the action is done, as in 'He gave her a gift' (where 'her' is the indirect object showing to whom the gift was given).

9.Question

What are the main verb tenses in English and what do they indicate?

Answer:The main verb tenses in English are past, present, and future. Each tense describes when an action occurs.

Present tense (I walk) indicates ongoing action, past tense (I

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walked) denotes completed action, and future tense (I will walk) indicates actions yet to occur.

10.Question

Why is understanding agreement important in grammar?

Answer: Understanding agreement is vital because it requires that nouns, pronouns, and their modifiers (like adjectives and articles) match in gender and number. This ensures grammatical accuracy and clarity, such as in Portuguese where 'uma' (a) agrees with feminine nouns and 'um' (a) agrees with masculine nouns.

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1. One effective method for building vocabulary in Portuguese is to focus on personal needs relevant to immediate personal situations.
2. Portuguese vocabulary shares no similarities with English vocabulary.
3. In both English and Portuguese, the letter 'k' is used in similar contexts without variation.

Chapter 2 | How to Form Questions| Quiz and Test

1. The word 'qual' is used as an adjective for 'which' followed by a noun.
2. Adding a question mark at the end of a statement is one way to form a question in Portuguese.
3. The interrogative word 'quando' means 'where' in Portuguese.

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Chapter 3 | Nouns and Articles.| Quiz and Test

1. In Portuguese, most nouns ending in a vowel form their plural by adding -s.
2. The feminine plural of 'o irmão' (the brother) is 'as irmãs' (the sisters).
3. The indefinite articles in Portuguese change to plural as uns and umas.

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Chapter 4 | Adjectives| Quiz and Test

1. In Portuguese, adjectives must agree in gender and number with the nouns they describe.
2. Most feminine singular forms of adjectives that end in -o change to -a. For example, 'novo' changes to 'nova'.
3. Adjectives in Portuguese do not agree in number; they are always the same regardless of the noun they describe.

Chapter 5 | Adverbs| Quiz and Test

1. Adverbs in Portuguese are typically formed by adding -mente to the masculine singular form of the corresponding adjective.
2. When using multiple adverbs, only the last one typically takes the -mente ending.
3. Certain adverbs in Portuguese, such as 'bem' and 'mal', do not end with -mente and should be memorized.

Chapter 6 | Comparisons of Adjectives and Adverbs| Quiz and Test

1. In Portuguese, comparisons of inequality can be expressed using the words 'mais' (more) and

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'menos' (less).

2. Portuguese allows for irregular comparative forms, such as 'bom' to 'pior' for the word 'bad'.

3. To form absolute superlatives in Portuguese, you can add the suffix '-íssimo' to the adjective after dropping the final vowel.

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Chapter 7 | Expressing Possession| Quiz and Test

1. In Portuguese, possession is expressed using apostrophes like in English.
2. Possessive adjectives in Portuguese must agree in gender and number with the noun they refer to.
3. The possessive adjective 'o teu' (your) is considered formal and recommended for tourists.

Chapter 8 | Demonstrative Adjectives and Pronouns| Quiz and Test

1. Demonstrative adjectives in Portuguese include este, esse, and aquele. They agree in gender and number with the noun they modify.
2. The pronouns isto, isso, and aquilo can refer to people.
3. The prepositions 'de' and 'em' do not form contractions with demonstrative adjectives.

Chapter 9 | Personal Pronouns| Quiz and Test

1. Pronouns in Portuguese do not change form based on their role in a sentence.
2. The term 'tu' is commonly used in Brazil while 'você' is

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more prevalent in Portugal.

3. Object pronouns in Portuguese can only precede the verb and never follow it.

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Chapter 10 | Que as Conjunction and Relative Pronoun| Quiz and Test

1. In Portuguese, it is not necessary to include the conjunction 'que' in sentences as it is often omitted in English.
2. The word 'que' can function as a relative pronoun meaning 'who', 'which', 'that', or 'whom' in Portuguese.
3. The term 'who' translates to 'quem' when used as a relative pronoun after prepositions.

Chapter 11 | Prepositions| Quiz and Test

1. The preposition 'por' is used interchangeably with 'para' in Portuguese.
2. 'Até' means 'until' in Portuguese.
3. The phrase 'antes de' translates to 'after' in English.

Chapter 12 | Verbs| Quiz and Test

1. Portuguese verbs are simpler than English verbs, characterized by fewer tenses and a lack of subject pronoun variations.
2. The present participle in Portuguese is formed by altering



the infinitive endings, such as 'falando' for 'falar'.

3. Reflexive verbs in Portuguese do not require reflexive pronouns when used in sentences.

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Chapter 13 | Appendix A. Complete Paradigm of the Three Regular Conjugations| Quiz and Test

- 1.The first conjugation of Portuguese verbs includes the verb 'Falar' which means 'to speak'.
- 2.The present perfect tense in Portuguese is formed using the past participle and does not rely on any helping verbs.
- 3.The future perfect tense indicates an action that will be completed after another future action in Portuguese.

Chapter 14 | Appendix B. Orthographic-Changing Verbs| Quiz and Test

- 1.The letter 'c' is always hard before the vowels e and i in Portuguese.
- 2.Verbs like 'marcar' and 'chegar' undergo predictable consonant changes when inflected for certain tenses.
- 3.Verbs ending in -er do not exhibit any orthographic changes in their stems during conjugation.

Chapter 15 | Appendix C. Radical-Changing Verbs| Quiz and Test

- 1.First conjugation verbs ending in -ear change the vowel e to ei in the first person singular of the

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present indicative.

2. In the present subjunctive, the verb 'preferir' changes e to i and o to u in the first person singular.

3. The verb 'subir' does not change its stem vowel in the third person plural of the present indicative.

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Chapter 16 | Appendix D. Irregular Verbs| Quiz and Test

1. Only the verbs pôr, ser, ter, and vir are irregular in the imperfect indicative tense.
2. Verbs that end in -uzir always follow regular conjugation patterns.
3. The appendix provides a comprehensive overview of all compound tenses and their irregularities.

Chapter 17 | A Glossary of Grammatical Terms| Quiz and Test

1. There are eight essential parts of speech in English according to the summary.
2. Adjectives typically can be identified by the prefixes 'more' or '-er'.
3. Nouns in English always relate directly to biological sex.

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