

## Introduction

### Basic Greetings in Portuguese

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## Portuguese

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Tom Oi. Eu sou Tom Gibson. Prazer em conhecê-la.

Luciane Eu sou Luciane Santos. Prazer em conhecê-lo.

## English

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Tom Hello. I am Tom Gibson. It's nice to meet you.

Luciane Hello. I am Luciane Santos. It's nice to meet you.

## Vocabulary

Portuguese	English	Class
oi	hello	interjection
eu	I	pronoun
sou	am	verb
em	in, on, at	preposition
prazer	pleasure	noun
conhecer	know	verb

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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*Oi Dona Rita!*

*Oi Andréia!*

*Eu sou feliz.*

*Eu sou de São Paulo.*

*Eu te amo.*

*Sou surfista.*

*Sou americana.*

*Ele está em casa.*

"Hi, Miss Rita!"

"Hello, Andréia!"

"I am happy."

"I'm from São Paulo."

"I love you."

"I'm a surfer."

"I'm American."

"He is at home."

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*Como se diz computer em português?*

*Prazer em conhecê-lo.*

*Eu sou João Ferreira. Prazer em conhecê-la.*

*Prazer em te conhecer.*

*Foi um grande prazer.*

*Eu sou Sarah Jones. Prazer em conhecê-lo.*

*Eu sou João Ferreira. Prazer em conhecê-la.*

*Ele conhece o seu pai.*

*Você conhece o presidente?*

"How do you say 'computer' in Portuguese?"

"Nice to meet you." / "Pleasure to meet you."

"I am John Ferreira. Nice to meet you."

"Pleasure to meet you."

"It was a great pleasure."

"I am Sarah Jones. Nice to meet you."

"I am John Ferreira. Nice to meet you."

"He knows your father."

"Do you know the president?"

## Grammar Points

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**The Focus of This Lesson is Self-introductions!**

*Oi. Eu sou Tom Gibson. Prazer em conhecê-la*

**"Hello. I am Tom Gibson. It's nice to meet you."**

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***Oi!*** ("Hello")

We can use *Oi* ("hello") in Brazilian Portuguese any time of the day or night. It's a simple greeting when you meet or see someone.

***Eu Sou*** ("I am")

"I am..." in Brazilian Portuguese is *Eu sou....* *Sou* comes from the root verb *ser* and means "I am." This is how you introduce yourself in Brazilian Portuguese. As you can see, it is very similar to English and you simply insert your name after the *Eu sou*. Just be ready for them to mispronounce your name because English names are very hard for Brazilians to pronounce.

***Prazer em conhecê-lo*** ("It's nice to meet you.")

*Prazer em conhecê-lo* or *Prazer em conhecê-la* ("It's nice to meet you.") literally means "Pleasure in meeting you" and is a very polite thing to say. We often shorten it to simply *prazer* ("pleasure"). There are two different phrases because of Portuguese gender agreement which we talked about in All About lesson number three.

If you are greeting a woman, you say *Prazer em conhecê-la*. If you are greeting a man, you say *Prazer em conhecê-lo*. The *-lo* indicates you are talking to a man and the *-la* indicates you are talking to a woman

When meeting people, any number of things can happen depending on the Brazilian you are meeting.



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Some will greet you by simply nodding their head, others will hug you while kissing you three times on each side of the face, and you can expect anything in between as well. The simple answer is just to do what they do. Brazilians are very accepting and will rarely be shy in this situation. First impressions are important so smile and you'll make friends quickly.

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## Cultural Insight

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### **Brazilian Names**

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Brazilian names can be difficult to pronounce, partly because they are often very long. Luckily, Brazilians often introduce themselves with just their first name.