

Why learn Portuguese? * *Por que aprender português?*

Veja bem...

- Portuguese is the sixth most widely spoken language in the world, spoken by approximately 250 million people worldwide. It is the third most widely spoken European language in the world (after English and Spanish).



- It is the official language of ten countries (Brazil, Portugal, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, Cape Verde, and São Tomé and Príncipe), and the lingua franca of the Macau region in China, which makes it an official language in every continent except North America.



- It is the language with the largest number of speakers in South America, spoken by nearly all of Brazil's approximately 183 million people, which amounts to over 51% of the continent's population even though Brazil is the only Portuguese-speaking nation in the Americas.

- Portuguese is one of the official languages of the European Union, MERCOSUR, and the Organization of American States.



- Brazil covers one half of the area of South America. It is the 2nd largest industrial power of the Americas and has the 8th largest economy in the world.

- Brazil is the United States' second largest trading partner in Latin America. It is the number one producer of raw sugar, oranges, and coffee in the world, and the second largest producer of soybeans, beef, poultry, and corn. It is also a major producer of steel, aircraft, automobiles, and auto parts and the world's single largest producer of ethanol.

