

Brazilian Pronunciation Guide



Nasal Vowels
Words

Hi!

Welcome to the nasal sounds of the Portuguese language.

Here you'll find all the words that we study in the course.

Please, use them as a reference; download the audio recordings to practice.

Thank you!

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Caçar. *To hunt.*

Cansar. *To tire, to get tired.*

Laçar. *To lace, to tie.*

Lançar. *To throw, to launch.*

Matar. *To kill.*

Manter. *To keep.*

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Cama.

Câmera.

Banana.

Vamos.

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Maçã.

Irmã.

And pay attention to the tilde (til) in the last two examples. It's an indication that they are nasal vowels as well.

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Vedar. *To block.*

Vendar. *To blindfold.*

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Problema.

Brena.

Menos.

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Lida. *Drudgery, daily life.*

Linda. *Beautiful.*

Vim, vi e venci. *I came, I saw, and I won.*

Sim. *Yes.*

Se. *If.*

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Pintar.

Brincar.

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Mim. *Me (indirect object pronoun)*

Me. *Me (direct object pronoun)*

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Eu sou.

O som.

Otário.

Ontário.

Longe.

Loja.

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Bom.

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Como.

Sono.

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Um leite.

O leite.

Mundo. World.

Mudo. Mute.

Funcionar.

Mungunzá.

Alguma pergunta.

In this video, you'll see a little sound Brazilians usually insert in words that and in EM.

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Bem.

Alguém.

Mandem.

Sem.

Além.

This combination of nasal vowels is dangerous.

You should strive to reproduce that as naturally as you can if you want to avoid blunders like this.

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Pão.

Pau.

Mão.

Mau.

Tão.

Tom.