

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Learn Portuguese in Three Minutes #1 Self-Introductions

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Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer! Hi, I'm Paloma. Nice to meet you.

In this series, we're going to learn basic Portuguese expressions.

It's super easy and it takes only three minutes! It also takes only three sentences.

In this lesson, you're going to learn how to introduce yourself in Portuguese. It may vary a little depending on the person you are talking to.

Let's first look at the most common way.

Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer em conhecê-lo. Hi, I'm... It's a pleasure to meet you.

[slowly] Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer em conhecê-lo.

Start by saying, Oi, meu nome é... then, say your name. Oi, meu nome é Paloma.

Finally, say Prazer em conhecê-lo.

Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer em conhecê-lo.

Please should pay attention to the end of the sentence. This version is only used if you are introducing yourself to a man, because you say conhecê-lo.

If you are introducing yourself to a woman, you should use conhecê-la.

So the full sentence to introduce yourself to a woman would be Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer em conhecê-la.

There is a quick tip to help you if you don't remember which article to use in the end of the sentence. Just say Prazer!

Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer.

Let's check what you've learned! Based on who I'm talking to, try to remember how to introduce yourself!

A. Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer.

B. Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer em conhecê-la.

C. Oi, meu nome é Paloma. Prazer em conhecê-lo.

When you introduce yourself in Brazil, it's polite to shake hands. This is used in formal situations.

In a more informal situation, people may kiss you in the cheek. The number of kisses

may vary from person to person or region. Some people only kiss once, but others may kiss you two or even three times!

Now it's time for Paloma's point.

If you are introducing yourself to a group, you should say either *conhecê-los* or *conhecê-las*. If the group is all men, or a mix of men and women, say *conhecê-los*. If the group is women only, use *conhecê-las*.

Do you know how to say "thank you" in Portuguese? You'll learn how to say this and many other words in the next lesson. Tchau tchau! See you then!