

## Brazilian Portuguese Vowel Guide for English Speakers (by Ana Paula G. Mumy, MS, CCC-SLP)

Letter	English Equivalent	Initial Sound or Medial Syllable	Final Sound or Syllable
a, á	ah as in <b>f</b> ather	ave (fowl, bird), águia (eagle), macaco (monkey), fácil (easy)	casa (house), lá (there)
ai	ie as in <b>pie</b> , ah + ee	ai (ouch), maizena (cornstarch), raiz (root)	pai (father)
au	ow as in <b>pow</b>	autor (author), pausa (pause, break)	tchau (bye)
ã, am, an	nasalized uh	ambos (both), antes (before), banho (bath)	lã (yarn, wool)
ãe	no equivalent	cães (dogs, plural of cão)	mãe (mother)
ão	no equivalent	irmãos (siblings, brothers)	pão (bread), ação (action)
e, ê	eh as in <b>leg</b>	elefante (elephant), mesa (table), pêssigo (peach)	você (you)
e	ee as in <b>bee</b>	-	idade (age)
é, e	a as in <b>apple</b>	égua (mare), caneca (mug), papéis (papers, plural of papel), céu (sky)	café (coffee)
ei	ei as in <b>eight</b> , eh + ee	eixo (axis), reino (kingdom)	lei (law)
eu	eh + oo	eu (I), deus (god)	meu (my)
em, en	no equivalent	embaixo (under), entrada (entrance), quente (hot)	bem (well)
i, í	ee as in <b>bee</b>	igual (equal, same), índice (index), filha (daughter), paraíso (paradise), ruído (noise, uproar)	aquí (here), aí (there)
ia	ee + ah	iaque (yak), quiabo (okra)	dia (day)
io	ee + o, ee + oo	iogurte (yogurt), piolho (louse)	rio (river)
iu	ee + oo	-	piu (expression for tweet or noise)
im, in	no equivalent	importante (important), interessante (interesting), pintar (paint)	fim (end)
o, ô	o as in <b>open</b> (short)	orar (pray), ônibus (bus), dor (pain), voo (flight), pôr (put)	robô (robot)
o	oo as in <b>do</b>	-	lobo (wolf)
ó, o	aw as in <b>law</b>	óbvio (obvious), jóia (jewel), hora (hour, time), loja (store), senhora (lady, madam)	pó (dust, powder)
oá, oa	o + ah	oásis (oasis), zoada (buzz, noise), voar (fly)	boa (good)
oé, oe	o + é	moeda (coin)	Noé (Noah)
oi	oi as in <b>boy</b>	oi (hi), loira (blonde)	boi (ox)
õe	no equivalent	ações (share, stock, plural of ação)	põe (he/she puts)
om, on	no equivalent	ombro (shoulder), ontem (yesterday), fonte (fountain, source)	com (with)
u, ú	oo as in <b>do</b>	uva (grape), único (sole, only, unique), lugar (place)	caju (cashew), urubu (vulture), baú (trunk, chest)
ua	oo + ah	uau (wow), luar (moonlight), quadro (frame, painting, board)	rua (street)
ui	oo + ee	ui (ouch), ruim (bad, evil), cuidado (careful), juiz (judge, referee)	fui (I went)
um, un	no equivalent	umbigo (bellybutton), untar (grease, anoint), funcionário (employee)	um (one), comum (common)