

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

Letter	English Equivalent	Initial Syllable	Medial or Final Syllable	Final Sound
B	B	bala (candy), bebê (baby)	lobo (wolf), abacaxi (pineapple)	-
	BL, BR	bloco (block), branco (white)	emblema (emblem), abraço (hug)	-
C	K	cama (bed), cola (glue), cupim (termite)	faca (knife), louco (crazy)	-
	K	*see letter Q	-	-
	KL, KR	classe (class), crocodilo (crocodile)	teclado (keyboard), descrever (describe)	-
	S	cenoura (carrot), cinema (cinema)	doce (sweet), acima (above)	-
D	D	data (date), depois (after), dobrar (fold), duro (hard)	nada (nothing), dedo (finger)	-
	DR	dragão (dragon), drogaria (pharmacy)	hidratação (hydration), adrenalina (adrenaline)	-
	J	dia (day), dieta (diet)	sede (thirst), rádio (radio)	-
F	F	ferro (iron), fome (hunger)	alface (lettuce), afeto (affection)	-
	FL, FR	flor (flower), fraco (weak)	aflição (affliction), afrouxar (loosen)	-
G	G	gato (cat), governo (government), guloso (glutton)	jogador (player), esgoto (drain, sewage)	-
	GL, GR	globo (globe), gravata (tie)	iglu (igloo), engrossar (thicken)	-
	ZH as in measure	gelo (ice), girafa (giraffe)	inteligente (intelligent), ágil (agile)	-
GU	G	guerra (war), guitarra (electric guitar)	erguer (raise, lift), enguia (eel)	-
GU	GW	guarda (guard), guaraná (Guarana)	bilíngue (bilingual), arguir (argue)	-
H	Silent	herói (hero), humano (human)	-	-
J	ZH as in measure	janela (window), jejum (fast), jibóia (boa constrictor), jogo (game), jumento (donkey)	cereja (cherry), hoje (today), caju (cashew)	-
L	L	lago (lake), flauta (flute)	relógio (watch), amarelo (yellow)	-
	OO	-	palma (palm), filme (film, movie)	mel (honey)
M	M	macaco (monkey), mesa (table)	remédio (medicine), amor (love)	-
	NG as in king	-	amplo (wide), embarcar (board), imprimir (print), ombro (shoulder), umbigo (bellybutton)	sim (yes)
	-	-	-	-
N	N	navio (ship), nuvem (cloud)	pano (cloth), banana (banana)	-
	NG as in king	-	lanche (lunch), gente (people), inteiro (whole, entire), ontem (yesterday), untar (grease)	-
	-	-	-	-
P	P (unaspirated)	pato (duck), pele (skin)	apito (whistle), papel (paper)	-
	PL, PR	planta (plant), prato (plate)	aplicar (apply), aprovar (approve)	-
QU	K	querido (dear), quieto (quiet)	parque (park), aqui (here)	-
QU	KW	quatro (four), quando (when)	aquático (aquatic), cinquenta (fifty), tranquilo (calm)	-
R (RR)	H	rato (mouse, rat), rico (rich)	genro (son-in-law), arroz (rice)	-
R	TT as in butter (flap)	grande (big), gripe (flu, cold)	agressivo (aggressive), hora (hour), perto (near)	cor (color)
S (SS, Ç)	S	sapo (frog), sofá (sofa)	osso (bone), caçador (hunter)	-
S	Z	-	asa (wing), desde (since), piso (floor)	lápiz (pencil)
T	T in steak (unaspirated)	tartaruga (turtle), teto (ceiling), tomate (tomato), tudo (everything)	tatu (armadillo), martelo (hammer)	-
	TR	trator (tractor), trem (train)	entreter (entertain), introduzir (introduce)	-
	CH	tia (aunt), time (team)	tapete (rug), atirar (shoot)	-

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V	V	vaso (vase), vestido (dress)	enviar (send), avô (grandfather)	-
X	SH	xadrez (chess, plaid), xícara (cup)	peixe (fish), roxo (purple)	-
	Z	-	exame (exam), exigir (demand)	-
	KS	-	táxi (taxi), anexo (attached)	-
	S	-	excepcional (exceptional), excelente (excellent)	-
Z	Z	zebra (zebra), zíper (zipper)	azar (bad luck), azul (blue)	giz (chalk)
<b>Digraph</b>	<b>English Equivalent</b>	<b>Initial Syllable</b>	<b>Medial or Final Syllable</b>	<b>Final Sound</b>
CH	SH	chave (key), chuva (rain)	encher (fill), machucar (hurt, wound)	-
LH	No equivalent	-	telhado (roof), filho (son)	-
NH	No equivalent	-	aranha (spider), dinheiro (money)	-