



PRONUNCIATION • FREE GUIDE

Pronunciation Drill Sheet

Targeted drills for nasal vowels and the ão sound — the two things that instantly mark a non-native accent.

Fala Portuguese.

Free resource from the Fala Portuguese Resource Library — falaportuguese.com

DRILL SHEET

Nasal Vowels

Air escapes through your nose, not your mouth. Practice each set slowly, then at normal speed.

NASAL Ã

maçã (apple) · irmã (sister) · amanhã (tomorrow) · romã (pomegranate)

NASAL Õ

põe (puts) · limões (lemons) · corações (hearts) · melões (melons)

NASAL DIPHTHONG -ÃO

não (no) · pão (bread) · coração (heart) · informação (information) · estação (station)

NASAL DIPHTHONG -ÃE

mãe (mother) · pães (breads) · alemães (Germans)

Drill technique: say each word while pinching your nose gently — if the sound changes drastically, you're nasalizing correctly. If it sounds the same, you're not engaging the nasal passage yet. Practice humming "mmm" before the vowel to find the resonance.

DRILL SHEET

Consonant Digraphs & Minimal Pairs

The sounds that don't exist in English, isolated and drilled.

NH — LIKE "NY" IN CANYON

banho (bath) · ninho (nest) · sonho (dream) · venho (I come)

LH — LIKE "LLI" IN MILLION

filho (son) · trabalho (work) · velho (old) · olho (eye)

MINIMAL PAIRS — OPEN VS. CLOSED VOWELS

OPEN (MORE COMMON)	CLOSED	MEANING SHIFT
avó	avô	grandmother / grandfather
ela	ele	she / he (different vowel, easier — for contrast practice)
pode	pôde	can (present) / could (past)
for	fôr	subjunctive nuance pair (advanced)

Record yourself saying each drill set, then compare to a native audio source. Ten minutes a day on this sheet for two weeks measurably changes how native speakers perceive your accent.