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About me About me Seja bem-vindo! Eu sou Lauren, dona de Hacking Portuguese. I began studying Portuguese in January I studied French for five years in school, and while I was a good student, I never got excited enough about French to continue speaking it as an adult. In , I met Brazilian Portuguese and everything was different. I loved the sound of the language, and I had external reasons for wanting to learn it more on that later. This led to a realization: Using the tools and resources on this site, I ended up speaking Portuguese much better after just two years that I ever spoke French after five years. The speed of my progress got me thinking about how languages are taught and how motivated students might go about accelerating their learning. At the same time, the internet makes it harder to find these great resources by introducing an overwhelming amount of throwaway content related to language learning. I wanted to share what had worked for me and help people sort through this mess, while also sharing some ideas on how language hacking techniques might be applied to Portuguese specifically. Besides languages, I enjoy making music. In I became interested in bluegrass and American roots music and began studying the mandolin. That led me, at the Mandolin Symposium, to take some classes on Brazilian choro music from a couple of visiting Brazilian mandolinists. I completely fell in love with choro and began studying it seriously, which was the spark that got me started learning Portuguese. At first it was just a few words out of curiosity, but before long I was hooked. I think it was the sound of the language that drew me in; then, as the sounds became less exotic, it was the excitement of being able to read, write and converse more and more that became addictive. What keeps me going now is the thrill of being conversant in a language that just three years ago was completely unintelligible to me, and having a whole new cultural world to explore that is suddenly accessible. In June I visited Brazil for the first time in order to practice my Portuguese, study choro with some local bandolinistas, and explore the culture. I tried to see as many neighborhoods in Zona Sul as possible. I came back from Rio with the realization that I seriously needed to work on my listening comprehension, because people speak very fast and the carioca accent is tough to understand. I had no trouble asking questions and expressing my needs, but understanding the response from Brazilians was a whole other story. So lately I have been focusing on active listening practice. I was incredibly lucky in that around the time I was becoming conversant in Portuguese, my company began doing environmental investigations in Brazil. My second trip to Brazil was a month-long cleanup project at a chemical plant near Salvador. During the week I had the great privilege to work with a fantastic team of Brazilians at the plant and improve my language skills. But I feel like when it comes to languages, serial monogamy is the rule, and I still want to go farther with Portuguese.

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