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Portuguese Translation Into English Of Basic Phrases

By Nigel Massey

In this article I will introduce cover some basic expressions in Portuguese with translation into English. Italian translation of some basic expressions into English. I hope this article will help those trying to learn the Portuguese language as well as those planning a trip to Portugal.

The Portuguese Alphabet

In order to be understood when you speak Portuguese you must get the pronunciation right. Please refer to this Portuguese alphabet for the pronunciation of the words:

A- ah B- bay C- say D- day E- eh F- eff G- zhay* H- `Er- gah I- ee J- zhoh-ter* L- ell M- emm N- enn O- oh P- pay Q- kay R- err S- ess T- tay U- oo V- vay X- sheesh Z- zay

The letter K, W and Y are not in current usage unless they refer to foreign names. *zh is pronounced like the s in the English word pleasure.

Portuguese Translation of Basic Greetings:

Hello -Ola Good bye -Adeus Good morning -Bom dia Good afternoon-Boa tarde Good evening / night-Boa noite

So lets start with a few translations of English into Portuguese: Essential English Portuguese Translations:

Yes-Sim No -Nao Please -Por favor Thank you - Obrigado/a

Portuguese Translation of Polite Phrases:

How are you?- Como esta? I am well, thank you-Estou bem, obrigada/o (obrigada for a womens reply, obrigado for a mans) Not at all; its okay- de nada See you later-Ate logo See you tomorrow- Ate amanha Sorry-Desculpe Excuse me (trying to get past someone)- Com licence

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Portuguese Translation of Introductions:

I introduce to you.....-apresento-Ihe..... It's a great pleasure-muito prazer
Likewise-igualmente

Portuguese Translation of Name Question:

My name is-Camo-me What is your name? (question to a man)- Como se chama o senhor?

What is your name? (question to a woman)- Como se chama a senhora? What is your name? (casual 'you' for either sex)- Como se chama voce?

Portuguese Translation of where your are from or live

I am Portuguese -Sou portuguesa Are you English? (question to a man)-O senhor e ingles? Are you English? (question to a woman)-A senhora e inglesa? Where do you live? - Onde mora? I live in Surrey -Eu moro em Surrey

I do hope you have enjoyed my introduction to Portuguese and the translations English / Portuguese translations provided. On the net you will find a growing number of articles by me on Portuguese life, Translations and Languages. Enjoy!

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Italian Translation Into English – Days & Months

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I have an ongoing interest in Italian English translation and Italian life in general. I hope this article 'Italian Translation into English – Days & Months' will help those trying to learn the Italian language. If these articles prove of interest then I will continue writing a whole series on these subjects.

Italian / English Translation of the Months of the Year gennaio -- January febbraio -- February marzo -- March aprile -- April maggio -- May giugno -- June luglio -- July agosto -- August settembre -- September ottobre -- October novembre -- November dicembre -- December

Unlike the English translation, in Italian the names for days of the week are not capitalised.

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Here is an Italian English Translation of some other useful phrases; Che mese è? – What month is it? In che mese siamo? – What month are we in? È dicembre – Its December Siamo in dicembre – We are in December

Italian / English Translation of the Days of the Week lunedì --- Monday martedì --- Tuesday mercoledì --- Wednesday giovedì --- Thursday venerdì --- Friday sabato --- Saturday domenica --- Sunday

Again, unlike the English translation, in Italian the names for days of the week are not capitalised. So the translation is not only the letters but also the capitalisation.

Here is an Italian Translation of some other useful phrases; oggi – today domani – tomorrow Oggi è martedì – Today is Tuesday Domani è giovedì – Tomorrow is Thursday

For me there is another side to this translation. Mondays in England v Mondays in Italy. Generally an English Monday is rainy and depressing. But lets translate that to an Italian Monday. Sure you still have the daily commute. But it's much more likely to be a sunny day (even in winter). So even though you might wish you were still at the beach or skiing down a mountain, you feel much more happy. Especially as you stop for a coffee and take the time to talk Italian with strangers before starting work.

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