



These notes accompany the Podcast lesson that you may access at <http://tltc.la.utexas.edu/brazilpod/tafalado/lesson.php?p=02&lt=suppl>

## Supplementary Lesson #2: Portuguese Consonant Sounds

Chart #1: Major consonant sounds in Portuguese:

Symbol	Example	Notes
p	pata, capa	Similar to English without aspiration
b	bala, bobo	Similar to English
t	tapa, tatu, até	Similar to English without aspiration, may be dental or alveolar
d	data, dado	Similar to English, may be dental or alveolar
k	capa, vaca, chique	Similar to English without aspiration
g	gata, agua	Similar to English
tʃ	tia, tente	Palatalization of /t/ typical of the southeast of Brazil
dʒ	dia, desde	Palatalization of /d/ typical of the southeast of Brazil
f	fica, esforço	Similar to English
v	vaca, avô	Similar to English
s	sala, massa, caça, está, rapaz	Similar to English
z	zero, casa, Lisboa	Similar to English
ʃ	chá, acha, está, rapaz	"ch" everywhere, syllable-final "s" is a dialectal variation
ʒ	já, seja, geral, gibi, Lisboa	"j, gi, ge" everywhere, syllable-final "s" is a dialectal variation
x	Roma, carro, amor, carta	Voiceless velar fricative
h	Roma, carro, amor, carta	Voiceless glottal fricative, dialectal variation
ɻ	amor, carta	Voiced retroflex alveolar, dialectal variation
r	Roma, carro, amor, carta	Alveolar trill
ɣ	carga, amarga	Voiced velar fricative, dialectal variation
ɦ	carga, amarga	Voiced glottal fricative, dialectal variation
ɾ	para, branca, amor, carta	Alveolar tap



m	mala, ama	Similar to English
n	nada, Ana	Similar to English
ɲ or ɣ̃	senhor, banho	Palatal nasal or nasalized palatal approximate
l	lata, bala	Similar to English
ʎ or w	sal, calma, Brasil	Velarized lateral or labio-velarized approximate
ʎ or ʎ̃	abelha, velha	Palatal lateral or palatalized /l/