

## Introduction to GCSE Portuguese

### Why study Portuguese?

Studying Portuguese will help you to communicate in the language, as well as helping you to understand the language in speech and writing. It will benefit you when you come into contact with Portuguese-speaking people both at home and abroad. You will learn about the culture of countries where Portuguese is spoken and will be able to communicate with young people of your own age in these countries.

### You will study Portuguese in relation to:

- \* Everyday activities;
- \* Personal and social life;
- \* The world around us;
- \* The world of work;
- \* The international world.

### You will learn the following skills:

- \* Listening;
- \* Speaking;
- \* Reading;
- \* Writing.

### Assessment:

You will take a paper in each of the four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. All four papers are compulsory, each covers the full range of grades from G-A\*. No dictionaries are allowed in the examinations.

### Listening Paper (45 minutes + 5 minutes reading time)

You will listen to messages, dialogues, announcements, discussions, narratives, etc, in Portuguese on a cassette that has pauses to give you time to write your answers.

### Speaking Test (12-15 minutes)

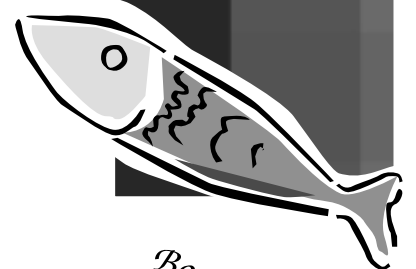
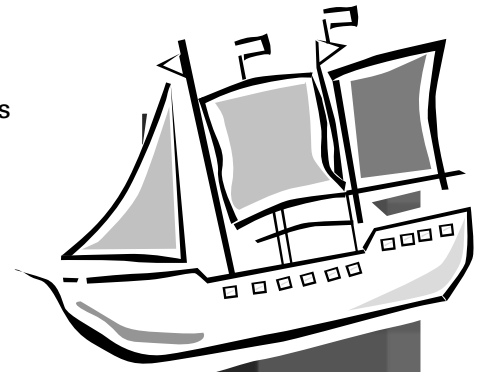
You will carry out three Role Plays, which get gradually harder. The third one is a narrative role play in which you will tell a story suggested by a series of pictures. Your teacher will then discuss three topics generally with you in Portuguese.

### Reading Paper (60 minutes)

There are two examination papers, each lasting 1 hour 15 minutes. You will need to give answers to all the questions on both papers. All the questions begin with a source related to a topic area, which could be written, a graph or a table. The questions will be divided into several parts.

### Writing Paper (75 minutes)

You will answer a variety of exercises in Portuguese which gradually get harder. The last exercise is an essay, a report or an article of about 150 words. The other extended piece of writing is a letter, fax or email of about 100 words.



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