WORKBOOK · LEVEL A2

Passo a *passo*

Ten units to talk about the past, health, shopping, paperwork and travel in European Portuguese: realistic dialogues, clear grammar, 30 exercises and an answer key.

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This workbook covers level **A2** of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). It follows on from *Primeiros passos* (A1).

Every unit has the same structure: **vocabulary**, a short **dialogue** in natural European Portuguese, one **grammar** point, **exercises** and a **Portugal tip**. Answers are at the back.

Read each dialogue out loud several times. Then cover it and try to rebuild it from the vocabulary. At the end of each unit, tick the boxes in **Now you can…**: if you can't tick one, go back to that part.

What A2 means. At A2 you can understand frequently used sentences about everyday life (yourself, shopping, work, health, getting around), deal with simple routine tasks and describe your past, your surroundings and your immediate needs in simple terms.

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✓	**Final A2 check**	

UNIT 1

1 O fim de semana passado

Last weekend

- say what you did last weekend
- use the pretérito perfeito of regular verbs
- use time expressions for the past

VOCABULARY

ontem · anteontem	yesterday · the day before yesterday
o fim de semana passado	last weekend
na semana passada	last week
há dois dias	two days ago
jantar fora	to eat out
dar um passeio	to go for a walk
arrumar a casa	to tidy the house
descansar	to rest
correr	to run
sair à noite	to go out at night
ficar em casa	to stay at home
Então, o fim de semana?	So, how was the weekend?

DIALOGUE

Monday morning at the office.

Marta Bom dia, Paulo! Então, o fim de semana?

Paulo Foi ótimo! No sábado de manhã corri no parque e à tarde arrumei a casa.

Marta E à noite?

Paulo À noite jantámos fora com uns amigos, num restaurante em Alfama. E tu?

Marta Eu fiquei em casa no sábado. Descansei e vi uma série.

Paulo E no domingo?

Marta No domingo saí com a minha irmã. Almoçámos em Belém e demos um passeio à beira-rio.

PORTUGAL TIP

Então, o fim de semana? is the classic Monday question at work. Short answers: *Foi ótimo!*, *Foi calmo.*, *Nada de especial.*

GRAMMAR

Pretérito perfeito: verbos regulares

The **pretérito perfeito** is the past tense for finished actions: *Ontem jantei fora.* Regular verbs take these endings. In Portugal, the **nós** form of -ar verbs is normally written with an accent in the past (*falámos*) to tell it apart from the present (*falamos*). For -er and -ir verbs, present and past look the same (*comemos, abrimos*): the context decides. Watch the spelling in the **eu** form: *chegar → cheguei, ficar → fiquei, começar → comecei.*

	falar · comer · abrir
eu	falei · comi · abri
tu	falaste · comeste · abriste
ele / ela / você	falou · comeu · abriu
nós	falámos · comemos · abrimos
eles / elas / vocês	falaram · comeram · abriram

EXERCISES

1.1 Complete with the pretérito perfeito.

1. Ontem eu _____ (trabalhar) até tarde.
2. Tu _____ (comer) bacalhau no sábado?
3. Ela _____ (abrir) a janela.
4. Nós _____ (jantar) fora no domingo.
5. Eles _____ (beber) um café no centro.
6. Vocês _____ (partir) a que horas?

1.2 Present or past? Write jantamos or jantámos.

1. Normalmente _____ às oito.
2. Ontem _____ muito tarde.
3. No sábado passado _____ em casa da Rita.
4. Ao domingo _____ sempre com os avós.

1.3 Write the eu form. Watch the spelling!

1. chegar → eu _____
2. ficar → eu _____
3. começar → eu _____
4. pagar → eu _____
5. almoçar → eu _____

NOW YOU CAN…

- ☐ say what you did last weekend
- ☐ use the pretérito perfeito of regular verbs
- ☐ use time expressions for the past

Free sample

This is a free sample: the first pages only. The full PDF (26 pages, with the answer key) is in the Ora Bem Portuguese shop, under Materials.

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