

London's Languages Syracuse Symposium



PORTUGUESE Language Passport

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Place of Origin:
Portugal



*London borough
most spoken in:*
Lambeth

Some facts about Portuguese:

- it's the official language of nine countries, including countries in both South America and Africa
- its longest word has 29 letters (*anticonstitucionalíssimamente*)
- each verb tense has six different endings
- the letters “K,” “W,” and “Y” were not part of the original Portuguese language

Idioms Exercise

Review the phrases below. Speaking with your group (but without Googling!), guess the meaning of each idiom.

Phrase: *É muita areia para o meu caminhão*

Literal Translation: this is too much sand for my truck

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: *Ir com os porcos*

Literal Translation: he went with the pigs

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: *Dá Deus nozes a quem não tem dentes*

Literal Translation: God gives nuts to those who don't have teeth

What we think it means: _____