



Week long semi intensive courses

Short intensive courses are a fantastic way to kick-start your learning!. In a week, you'll learn more than you would if you were coming to class once a week for three months :) See the testimonials below to hear from people who took part in past courses. The classes run for 3 hours every day for a week (15hours), usually from 9-12.15.

LEVEL	BRIEF OUTLINE
1 total beginner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting from zero, presuming you know nothing or very little • Learning key words and phrases • Teaching you the grammatical terms you need to learn more quickly • Learning methods to make your learning more efficient and successful • Pronunciation tips and rules • Introduction to verb conjugation and practise – regular verbs and common verbs • Also: numbers, plurals, describing words
2 false beginner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presuming you've either picked up a bit or have studied a little • Going over the basics from the beginning (as in the course above)fairly quickly for the first couple of days, presuming that for you this will be a recap • Then moving onto practise of verb conjugation and other key grammatical points
3 lower elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presuming you are ok with basic verb conjugation, and familiar with the present tense regular verbs • Going over and practising the irregular verbs in the present tense • Making a start on the past tense
4 /4a upper elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presuming you are totally fine with verb conjugation and familiar with present tense regular and irregular verbs • Quick recap of the present tense and some other points • Introducing and practising the past tense for regular and irregular verbs
5 /5a intermediate speaking based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presuming you are totally fine with verb conjugation in the present tense and have a good knowledge of the past tense • Presentation and practise of more advanced points – e.g. pretérito vs imperfeito, voz passiva, complemento direto e indireto, infinitivo pessoal ... • Speaking activities based on reading and listening texts

All materials are provided, and there is an after course homework/ consolidation part to each course too. (Often you'll need to practise a little at home to really take in what we've done in class)

Some comments from previous students

immensely impressed with the preparation that she puts into each course, and the clarity with which she explains things

the very reasonable fee she charges has made it a worthwhile and painless investment

The week's course was quite intensive but we treated it as a holiday too. Working in the morning and sight-seeing in the afternoons and evenings. Coimbra and Tomar are beautiful places to visit

We have made some lovely friends/contacts from our course - which was an unexpected bonus - and are keen to continue with our learning, and have booked for level two as a result

explained things in an uncomplicated way, allowing us to have a go at speaking without feeling out of our depth

The pace was easy to follow and the tips to learn simple and effective. Even managed to fully complete my homework every night which was a surprise and pleasure to do.

The level of help and attentiveness was excellent

For the first time I found Portuguese lessons easy to follow, beautifully explained and perfectly pitched at my level. I was enjoying the learning process and my confidence grew as did my abilities.

I love Emma's teaching, her calm and interested approach, ability to keep us on task (without being a dragon) and the obvious hard work and thought behind each well-constructed course and class.

managed to make both my husband and I feel that all the irregular verbs that had previously confused and mystified us, were becoming much more manageable and far less frightening than I at first thought

She was able to make links that we hadn't seen before and simple Portuguese grammar now seems to be within our grasp.

We would both whole heartedly recommend Emma's courses and for anyone who is unsure I would say "Go for it!" Thank you Emma.

I found the lessons to be relaxed but well-paced, clear and relevant. The different styles of teaching and contemporary teaching resources suited my learner profile and I came away enthused and wanting more. I met some lovely people and only wish I could be there to be a regular student.