

## **Beginner Level – Canning House**

(10 weeks)

Term duration: 10 x 2-hour classes

**Aims and Objectives:** The aim of the course is to enable students to function at a basic everyday survival level (basic vocabulary, grammar, morphology, syntax and phonetics). Students should be able to communicate and understand Portuguese on a number of practical everyday matters. Cultural awareness will be developed.

### **Functions:**

- . Asking for and giving personal information
- . Talking about other people
- . Greetings and introductions
- . Telling and asking the time
- . Asking prices
- . Talking about daily activities
- . Making plans and social activities
- . Ordering food and drink
- . Asking for information
- . Asking how to get to work, school, to a country (transport)
- . Talking about past activities

### **Course Content: Main Topics/themes to be covered**

- . First contacts around name, nationality
- . Occupation, Address, Place of work
- . Numbers, days of the week, months
- . Arranging time and place
- . Transport
- . Talking about the time
- . Day-to-day activities
- . Invitations
- . In the restaurant
- . Past information

## **Grammar:**

- . Verb to be (ser) and regular verbs ending in **ar**
- . Substantive – masculine/feminine, singular/plural
- . The Alphabet/ Pronunciation
- . Personal Pronouns: eu, voce, ele, ela
- . Possessive Pronouns: meu/minha, seu/sua
- . Demonstrative pronouns: este/esta/isto
- . Preposition em + article
- . Verbs: to go, can, to have
- . Immediate Future tense
- . Regular verbs ending in **er** and **ir**
- . Verbs: to be (estar), to do, to ask for
- . Contrasting Ser and Estar
- . Preposition de + article
- . Simple past – introduction (regular verbs)

## **Learning Resources**

### **Books**

Main text book: Avenida Brasil 1 Curso Basico de Portugues para estrangeiros

The tutor will be using different books/materials for exercises and handouts.