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Deixa pra lá

"Forget it / Let it go"

Moving on from something. Very Brazilian — don't dwell, move forward.

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Vai encarar?

"Are you going to do it? / You in?"

Challenge or invitation. Used for adventures, dares, plans.

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As vezes

"Sometimes"

Simple but essential for daily conversation everywhere.

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Boa sorte!

"Good luck!"

Said genuinely before challenges, exams, interviews.

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Saúde!

"Cheers! / Bless you!"

Used when drinking AND when someone sneezes. Very versatile.

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Saudades de você

"Thinking of you / Missing you"

Warmer than a text. If a Brazilian sends this unprompted, they mean it.



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Que ótimo!

"Great! / Wonderful!"

Genuine enthusiasm. Brazilians love celebrating good news out loud.

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Imagina!

"Don't mention it! / Of course!"

Response to thank you — warmer than 'de nada'. Very common.

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To por dentro

"I'm in the loop"

Knowing what's going on. Opposite: 'to por fora' — I have no idea.

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Fazer as pazes

"To make up / To reconcile"

After a fight — Brazilians value harmony and closure deeply.

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Que barato!

"How fun! / How cool!"

In Brazil 'barato' = cheap AND = awesome. Context tells you which.

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Que delícia!

"How delicious! / How wonderful!"

For food, weather, a moment, a song — Brazilians use it for everything good.



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Que saco!

"What a drag! / How annoying!"

Complaining about something tedious. Said with a sigh for full effect.

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Ta ligado?

"You know what I mean?"

Filler phrase asking for understanding. Used in casual conversation non-stop.

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Bora!

"Let's go! / Come on!"

Short for 'Vamos embora'. High energy, get moving.

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Que mico!

"How embarrassing!"

When someone does something cringeworthy — theirs or yours.

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Perai

"Wait a sec / Hold on"

Short for 'espera aí'. Used in every conversation, multiple times.

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Ce ta brincando?

"Are you kidding me?"

Disbelief — can be good or bad surprise. Tone tells all.



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Ta bom

"OK / Alright"

The most versatile phrase in Brazil. Agreement, resignation or acceptance.

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Meu Deus!

"Oh my God!"

For surprise, disbelief, admiration, frustration. Volume tells you which.

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Que saudade de voce

"I missed you so much"

Deeper than 'I miss you'. If a Brazilian says this to you, feel it.

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Com licenca

"Excuse me / Pardon me"

To pass through crowds, interrupt politely, or leave a table.

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Poxa vida!

"Aw, come on! / What a shame!"

Mild frustration or sympathy. Very common and very Brazilian.

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Nossa!

"Wow! / Oh my!"

Short for 'Nossa Senhora'. Pure surprise or admiration — used constantly.



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Que saudade!

"I miss you / I missed this!"

The most emotional word in Portuguese. Used for people, food, places, songs.

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Dar um jeitinho

"To find a creative way around it"

Jeitinho brasileiro — Brazil's national art of solving any problem creatively.

3

Fica tranquilo

"Relax / Don't worry"

Said constantly — for small mistakes and major crises alike.

4

Ja vou!

"I'm on my way!"

Add 20-45 minutes. This does NOT mean they are actually leaving yet.

5

Que gracinha!

"How cute / How charming!"

Babies, puppies, a gesture, a gift — very warm and very Brazilian.

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Vou nessa

"I'm heading out"

Casual goodbye. Makes no literal sense — Brazilians love it.