Unit 5 – Desculpe, onde é a estação?

Activities

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5.1 Objectives
Practice of vocabulary and questions relating to asking about places in town.

Materials
Role play cards A and B (provided).

1. Divide the class into pairs. Give each pair role cards A and B and tell them that one of them works for the Centro de Turismo and the other is a visitor asking for information. Give them a few minutes to read their roles and ask the visitor to start the conversation.

2. Ask them to write out the conversation.

5.2 Objectives
Sustained social conversation in Portuguese while practising verb endings in context.

Materials
‘Find somebody who …’ lists (not provided).

1. Prepare for the activity by ensuring learners know the relevant verb endings and understand the lack of need for subject pronouns. Introduce falar and tell them that, in Portuguese as in English, the names of languages are the same as nationalities.

2. Draw up a list similar to the one illustrated, using your knowledge of the class to personalise it. You need one copy for each learner. If you make one of the categories impossible to find, it ensures the activity doesn't end before everyone has had the opportunity to ask plenty of questions!

Find somebody who ...
... lives in (local district or street)
... lives in the town centre
... lives near a park
... works in (local place)
... works in an office
... doesn't work
... speaks German
... speaks Spanish
3. Ask learners to circulate, asking others one question at a time with the aim of finding someone conforming to each criterion and making a note of their name.

4. At the end of the activity, the work can be consolidated by asking questions to the whole group, e.g.

   O David mora no centro? O Chris fala alemão?