The 100 most common Portuguese verbs

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Rank	Portuguese verb	English	Commonest forms	Per million words
1	**ser**	to be; being	é, ser, sou	29,721
2	**estar**	to be	está, estou, estava	21,030
3	**ir**	to go	vai, vamos, vou	13,482
4	**ter**	to have	tem, tenho, ter	13,133
5	**poder**	to be able to; can	pode, posso, podemos	7,849
6	**fazer**	to do; to make	fazer, fazendo, faz	7,832
7	**saber**	to know; knowledge	sei, sabe, saber	6,764
8	**querer**	to want	quer, quero, queria	6,129
9	**dizer**	to say; to tell	disse, dizer, diga	6,019
10	**ver**	to see	ver, viu, vi	3,654
11	**achar**	to think; to find	acho, acha, achei	3,572
12	**ficar**	to stay; to become	ficar, fique, fica	3,032
13	**haver**	to exist; there to be	há, havia, houve	2,743
14	**precisar**	to need	preciso, precisa, precisamos	2,666
15	**dever**	to owe; must	deve, deveria, devo	2,613
16	**dar**	to give	dar, dá, deu	2,415
17	**falar**	to speak; to talk	falar, falando, falou	2,346
18	**vir**	to come; when I see	venha, vem, veio	2,326
19	**pensar**	to think	pensei, pensar, pensando	1,718
20	**deixar**	to let; to leave	deixar, deixe, deixa	1,691
21	**esperar**	to wait; to hope	espere, espero, esperar	1,601
22	**sair**	to leave; to go out	sair, saia, saiu	1,458
23	**parecer**	to seem; to appear	parece, parecia, parecer	1,441
24	**acontecer**	to happen; to occur	aconteceu, acontecendo, acontecer	1,363
25	**olhar**	to look; look	olhe, olha, olhar	1,347
26	**sentir**	to feel	sinto, sentir, senti	1,285
27	**pegar**	to get; to take	pegar, pegue, pegou	1,199
28	**voltar**	to return; to go back	voltar, volte, voltou	1,197
29	**ouvir**	to hear; to listen	ouvir, ouvi, ouça	1,162
30	**tentar**	to try; to attempt	tentando, tentar, tente	1,143
31	**gostar**	to like; to enjoy	gostaria, gosta, gostei	1,139
32	**chegar**	to arrive; to reach	chegar, chegou, chega	1,098
33	**entender**	to understand	entendo, entende, entendi	1,071
34	**conseguir**	to manage to; to get	conseguir, consegue, conseguiu	1,060
35	**conhecer**	to know; to meet	conhece, conheço, conhecer	1,005
36	**encontrar**	to find; to meet	encontrar, encontrei, encontrou	986
37	**começar**	to start; to begin	começar, começou, começa	940
38	**parar**	to stop; to halt	pare, parar, parem	931
39	**passar**	to pass; to spend	passar, passou, passa	915
40	**acabar**	to finish; to end	acabou, acabar, acabei	896
41	**matar**	to kill	matar, matou, matei	878
42	**levar**	to take; to carry	levar, levou, leva	870
43	**acreditar**	to believe	acredito, acreditar, acredita	819

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44	**amar**	to love	amo, ama, amar	796
45	**morrer**	to die	morrer, morreu, morrendo	796
46	**usar**	to use; to wear	usar, usando, usa	791
47	**perder**	to lose; to miss	perder, perdeu, perdi	776
48	**ajudar**	to help	ajudar, ajude, ajudou	756
49	**chamar**	to call	chamar, chamado, chame	736
50	**ligar**	to call; to turn on	ligar, ligou, ligue	726
51	**desculpar**	to excuse; to forgive	desculpe, desculpar, desculpem	703
52	**entrar**	to enter; to go in	entrar, entrou, entra	694
53	**trabalhar**	to work	trabalhar, trabalhando, trabalha	682
54	**tirar**	to get; to take off	tirar, tire, tirou	620
55	**contar**	to tell; to count	contar, contou, conte	618
56	**pedir**	to ask for; to request	pedir, pediu, pedi	613
57	**tomar**	to take; to drink	tomar, tome, toma	599
58	**lembrar**	to remember	lembra, lembro, lembrar	589
59	**colocar**	to place; to put	colocar, coloque, colocou	567
60	**trazer**	to bring	trouxe, trazer, traga	566
61	**importar**	to matter; to mind	importa, importo, importar	543
62	**continuar**	to continue; to go on	continuar, continue, continua	536
63	**preocupar**	to worry	preocupe, preocupado, preocupar	531
64	**procurar**	to look for; to search for	procurando, procurar, procura	519
65	**mudar**	to change; to move	mudar, mudou, muda	509
66	**esquecer**	to forget	esqueça, esquecer, esqueci	493
67	**viver**	to live	viver, vive, vivendo	456
68	**comer**	to eat	comer, come, comendo	448
69	**perguntar**	to ask	perguntar, pergunte, perguntou	447
70	**andar**	to walk; to go	andar, anda, andando	446
71	**mandar**	to tell; to order	mandou, mandar, manda	446
72	**dormir**	to sleep	dormir, dormindo, dormiu	441
73	**pagar**	to pay	pagar, pago, paga	437
74	**jogar**	to play; to throw	jogar, jogando, jogou	405
75	**ganhar**	to win; to earn	ganhar, ganhou, ganha	404
76	**mostrar**	to show	mostrar, mostre, mostra	388
77	**comprar**	to buy	comprar, comprou, comprei	378
78	**descobrir**	to discover; to find out	descobrir, descobriu, descobri	375
79	**cuidar**	to take care of; to look after	cuidar, cuide, cuido	361
80	**manter**	to keep; to maintain	manter, mantenha, mantém	360
81	**abrir**	to open	abrir, abra, abre	358
82	**escutar**	to listen	escute, escuta, escutar	357
83	**terminar**	to finish; to end	terminar, terminou, terminamos	355
84	**cair**	to fall	cair, caiu, cai	354
85	**seguir**	to follow	seguir, seguindo, siga	342
86	**significar**	to mean; to signify	significa, significar, significava	338
87	**lutar**	to fight; to struggle	lutar, luta, lutando	333
88	**receber**	to receive; to get	receber, recebi, recebeu	324
89	**conversar**	to talk; to chat	conversar, conversamos, conversando	315
90	**beber**	to drink	beber, beba, bebendo	312
91	**correr**	to run	correr, correndo, corra	311

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92	**ler**	to read	ler, li, leu	305
93	**existir**	to exist	existe, existem, existir	301
94	**bater**	to hit; to beat	bater, bateu, bate	293
95	**adorar**	to love; to adore	adoro, adoraria, adora	292
96	**funcionar**	to work; to function	funciona, funcionar, funcionando	291
97	**casar**	to marry; to get married	casar, casou, casados	277
98	**roubar**	to steal; to rob	roubar, roubou, roubado	269
99	**imaginar**	to imagine	imaginar, imagino, imagine	268
100	**tornar**	to become; make	tornar, tornou, torna	268