



Language and Culture Show and Tell: Portuguese

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Worksheet

- The Sintra Mountains (Serra de Sintra) have been known by another name since ancient times. Do a quick online search to see if you can find what that name is. Give a brief explanation of the story behind it.

- Answer the following questions based on what you have learned in this session.

- What is this accent – ‘ç’ – called?

<input type="checkbox"/>	acute
<input type="checkbox"/>	circumflex
<input type="checkbox"/>	cedilla

- Can you match these words with their translation?

castanho	cheeks
mulher	brown
bochechas	hair
cabelo	woman

- Which is the odd word out?

branco, obrigada, preto, sépia	
Lisboa, Londres, Slade, Sintra	
Adeus, Bartolomeu, Fernando, Joana	

3. Can you guess what these words mean? They refer to the Barto print we discussed in the session.



Slade Printmaking Christmas Lunch Invitation, by
Bartolomeu dos Santos
Etching on paper, 1995

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Estate

Portuguese / português

sobancelhas
oval
brincos
elegante
Natal
queixo

English / inglês

oval
eyebrows
Christmas
chin
elegant
earrings

Key to the exercises

1. The Sintra Mountains (Serra de Sintra) have been known by another name since ancient times. Do a quick online search to see if you can find what that name is. Give a brief explanation of the story behind it.

The Sintra Mountains are also known as Moon Hill or Mountain of the Moon (Monte da Lua), from the Latin *Lunae Mons*. In Ancient geography, it is described as a promontory of Lusitania (modern-day Portugal). Legend has it that, to the Romans, the hill was known as the retreat of Diana, goddess of the Moon and the hunt. To the Greeks, Diana was known as Artemis, sometimes called by the epithet 'Cynthia'. This is one possible explanation for the town's name: Cintra (later, Sintra).

The mythology and mysticism of Sintra have developed over the centuries. This is partly due to its physical geography, specifically its coastal mountain location, which creates a unique micro-climate and it is common to see light sea mists swirling around its verdant slopes. The fact that it has attracted a series of pivotal Romantic figures who have sung its praises, has further mythologised Sintra's uniqueness.

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Adeus, Bartolomeu, Fernando, Joana	Adeus

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Natal
queixo (pronounced: *kayshoo*)

English / inglês

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oval (the shape of her face)
earrings
elegant
Christmas
chin