



Lesson 2: You're Welcome

De nada.

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we continue on with basic etiquette. The Brazilians are a kind, friendly, and hospitable people and expressions of gratitude are frequent and often lavishly applied. In Brazil, "Thank you" and "You're welcome" are phrases you will hear and should say each and every day.

In Portuguese "You're welcome." is "de nada." The first word "de" means "of" or "from" and is one of the most frequently used words in Portuguese. And yes the pronunciation is exactly like the English letter "G." This is followed by "nada" which in English means "nothing." So to recap here, we have two words "de" and "nada" which you say together as "de nada."

Another way of saying "you're welcome" is "não há de que." The first word "não" means "no". This is followed by "há" which means "exist." Next we have "de" which we have already talked about. And then "quê" which basically means "that." Using this phrase will absolutely delight your listener because it sounds much more considerate. Literally the phrase translates to "no existence of that" or a little bit clearer "there is no reason for that." The "that" being the obligation you gave when you said "obrigado." But the feeling behind the phrase is very kind, something to the effect of "don't worry about it."

So to recap here, we have "de nada" which basically means "you're welcome" and "não há de quê" which also means "you're welcome" but in a kinder more educated way. They are both right and but you'll hear "de nada" much more often.

PHRASES

Portuguese	English
De nada.	You're welcome.
Não há de quê.	You're welcome.

QUICK TIP

Now, I had been living in Brazil for nearly two years and I was at a friends house in a little city called Gurupi in the state of Tocantins, it's in the northern part of Brazil. This friend, Raimunda, knew that I loved açaí and had purchased me 1 kilo of pure açaí fruit. Most of you are probably familiar with it so I won't really explain it but it really is a fantastic fruit. I was very grateful and I

told her, "muito obrigado" and she responded with "não há de quê." which I had not heard before and "de nada" was what I was expecting so I had no idea what she had just said. I could tell it was a good thing because she said it so kindly but the meaning... completely escaped me. This led to a wonderful conversation where she taught me what I just taught you.