

1. *Rio*

This week's lesson is on the animated film *Rio*, which follows the adventures of a macaw called Blu in Brazil. It has recently been released in many different countries.

Level

Pre-intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level A2–B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Introduce the terms 'animated film' and 'animation'. Presuming all your students have seen at least a few such films, ask them to name their favourites and explain why they like them. What do your students know about *Rio*? If any of your students have seen it already, ask them to describe it to the rest of the class (and/or to answer questions from the other students), but preferably without giving away the whole story.
2. Give your students between five and ten minutes to read through Worksheet A, encouraging them to look up new vocabulary. Note that many of the words that might be new are not in the glossary because they form part of Exercise 1.
3. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B, then divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to complete Exercise 1, in which they have to find the words to match the definitions.
4. Check answers in open class.
5. Keeping the students in their pairs, hand out Worksheet C and ask the students to complete the crossword.
6. Check answers in open class.

Answers:

Exercise 1

1. expert 2. studio 3. smuggler 4. anxious 5. extinct 6. character
 7. dislike 8. voice 9. scary 10. capture 11. run 12. adventure
 13. comes out 14. background 15. species

Exercise 2

1. experiences 2. tropical 3. rare 4. animated 5. human 6. dancing 7. Tulio
 8. life 9. starred 10. owner

If the sentences have been completed correctly, *Portuguese* (the national language of Brazil) will read from top to bottom.

2. Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.rio-themovie.com/>

The official website of the film *Rio*. Accessible to Pre-intermediate level.

<http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/rio/>

Lots of reviews of the film from the website *Rotten Tomatoes*. Challenging for Pre-intermediate level.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-12865548>

From the BBC website, video interviews with Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway and Jamie Foxx about their speaking roles in the film. Challenging for Pre-intermediate level.