

**1. Rio**

This week's lesson is on the animated movie *Rio*, which follows the adventures of a macaw named 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 movie” and “animation.” Presuming all of your students have seen at least a few such movies, ask them to name their favorites 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 movie *Rio*. Accessible to Pre-intermediate level.

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

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

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/macaw/>

From the *National Geographic* website, facts about macaws, including an audio clip of their call. Challenging for Pre-intermediate level.