

Writing English Without Vowels

Y CN RD THS F Y TR VR MCH

It is possible to understand sentences if they are written without vowels, because the brain can recognize the words from the consonants. Take a look at this example:

t s nt dffclt t ndrstd ths sntnc bcs th brn cn rcgnz th wrds

In written English, there are nearly twice as many consonants as vowels, so removing the vowels in a sentence doesn't make it very difficult to read. However, in Portuguese, the numbers of consonants and vowels in a sentence are approximately equal, so removing the vowels makes it a little more difficult to read. For example:

**vc pd m jd pr gntlz? tnh m grnd prblm.
m crr qbr, prcs d m crn pr mnh cs**

Here are some examples of Portuguese words with equal numbers of vowels and consonants:

- casa
- panela
- pedagoga
- referência
- alfanumérico
- estacionamento
- etimologicamente

This is not common in English, because in general, there are more consonants than vowels. For example:

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| • through | (5-2) |
| • pretend | (5-2) |
| • milk | (3-1) |
| • strong | (5-1) |
| • blanket | (5-2) |
| • strength | (7-1) |
| • construct | (7-2) |
| • rhythm | (5-1) (the letter 'y' sometimes behaves like a vowel) |