

## Vocabulary: AGUENTAR

The verb “*aguentar*” in Portuguese has various synonymous translations. The English translations are usually used with “can”. If they are used with a verb, the verb must be in the gerund form.

### to tolerate, to bear, to stand, to put up with

- Why do you **tolerate** his terrible behaviour?
- How can you **tolerate** him **behaving** so badly?
- It’s difficult **to bear** so much stress every day.
- It’s difficult **to bear working** so hard every day.
- How can you **stand** the loneliness?
- I don’t know if I **can stand losing** her.
- I don’t know how **to put up with** so many kids.
- I don’t know how **to put up with** them **asking** so many questions.

### to hold on/hang on (*time*)

- I need you **to hold/hang on** just one more day. Please be patient.

The verb “to support” is usually only for physical or financial situations. For example:

- The shelf can **hold/support** up to 10kg.
- I have to **support** my family, so I need a good job.

To use the negative form of these verbs, we use “can’t”.

### can’t tolerate, can’t bear, can’t stand, can’t put up with, can’t hang on

- We **can’t tolerate** his terrible behaviour any more!
- He **can’t bear** so much stress every day!
- I **can’t stand** the perpetual silence!
- The new teacher **can’t put up with** so many kids!
- I **can’t hang on** any more! I have to go now.

**Exercise.** Complete the following sentences (sometimes there are various options):

1. It’s impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ this awful music.
2. I really \_\_\_\_\_ his voice! It’s so annoying!
3. Do you think you can \_\_\_\_\_ for another week?
4. I must go now. I \_\_\_\_\_ even for one more minute.
5. How do you \_\_\_\_\_ such long dark winters?
6. My dog \_\_\_\_\_ thunderstorms!
7. My head \_\_\_\_\_ this pain any more!
8. The structure must be able to \_\_\_\_\_ 500 kg.
9. I lost my job, so I \_\_\_\_\_ my family any more.

### **Song suggestion:**

Police – “I can’t stand losing you”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nH0vjLwMyc4>