

Vocabulary: ARRUMAR

The verb “*arrumar*” in Portuguese has various possible translations, depending on the context. For example:

to fix, to get, to arrange, to pack, to tidy/organize, to get ready, make

Examples:

- I need to **fix** my car, it's not working.
(*Preciso arrumar meu carro, não está funcionando.*)
- He **got** a new job!
(*Ele arrumou um novo emprego!*)
- I will **get** you a sandwich – you look starving.
(*Vou arrumar um sanduíche para você – você parece faminto.*)
- Can you please **arrange** these flowers for me?
(*Você pode arrumar essas flores para mim?*)
- We need to **pack** our bags for the trip tomorrow.
(*Precisamos arrumar as malas para a viagem de amanhã.*)
- John – **tidy** your room – it's a mess! (or “**organize**”)
(*John – arrume seu quarto – está uma bagunça!*)
- I need to **get ready**; I have an important dinner tonight.
(*Eu preciso me arrumar; tenho um jantar importante esta noite.*)
- Have you **made** your bed?
(*Você arrumou sua cama?*)

Exercise. Complete using an appropriate verb, conjugating as necessary.

1. I have a new job in a flower shop. My job is to _____ bouquets.
2. My garage is a mess – I really need to _____ it.
3. My brother never _____ his bed.
4. Our washing machine makes a strange noise. I will try to _____ it.
5. **Bob:** “Mum, I'm hungry.” **Mum:** “OK. I will _____ some biscuits for you.”
6. Did you _____? We only have 10 minutes before we leave.
7. My brother just _____ a new job – he's so happy!
8. We're going on vacation next month, but my wife has already _____ her bags!