

CNA Speaking Exchange: Video Transcript

*580 language centers in Brazil.
More than half-million students.*

Narrator: “Not all of our students have the chance to travel abroad and to interact with native speakers of the English language. What our students really want is to speak English fluently, and we’re always asking ourselves ‘How can we make it more real, more human?’”

*They [the students] want to practice English.
And they [members of the retirement community] just want someone to talk to.
The idea: bring them together.*

Narrator: “We created a tool that connects our students with senior in the USA living in retirement homes.”

Brazilian Teenager #1: “Hello.”

Older American Adult 1: “Hello, Hello.”

Older American Adult 2: “Melissa.”

Brazilian Teenager #2: “Hi, Dee.”

Brazilian Teenager #1: “Can you hear me?”

Older American Adult 1#: “Yes, I can. Can you hear me?”

Brazilian Teenager #2: “How are you today?”

Older American Adult #3: “I’m good, how are you?”

Brazilian Teenager #1: “It’s this the first time that I’m talking with someone from another country?”

Older American Adult #5: “I’m very excited to be doing this.”

Older American Adult 1#: “I look like I’m only 25, but I’m 88.”

Older American Adult #5: “Do you have sisters and brothers?”

Brazilian Teenager #6: “No, I’m an only child.”

Older American Adult #3: “Only one? Aw, you, poor fella.”

Brazilian Teenager #3: “I live with my older brother. He has 23 years.”

Older American Adult #2: “Do you know, instead of saying ‘he has 23 years,’ you could say ‘he is 23 years old.’”

Brazilian Teenager #1: “I tried to go to Lollapalooza that we have next week, I think, in Brazil, but my mom didn’t let me.”

Older American Adult #6: “Ah, you got a good mom.”

Older American Adult #5: “Good morning, dear Julia, good morning to you.”

Brazilian Teenager #2: “This is your dad?”

Older American Adult #3: “That’s me and my wife, when we were young.”

Brazilian Teenager #2: “Oh, you were good-looking when you were young, and you’re still good-looking.”

Brazilian Teenager #5: My first destiny is United States, of course, because I wanted to put better my English.”

Older American Adult #4: “Well you do very well, I must say.”

Brazilian Teenager #2: “Are you planning someday to go to Brazil?”

Older American Adult #3: “I would like to.”

Brazilian Teenager #2: “You can stay in my house, if you want.”

Older American Adult #1: “If you could just dream and have whatever you want, what would, what do you think you would like to be doing?”

Brazilian Teenager #1: “I see myself in big family with a beautiful wife.”

The tool uploads the video to a YouTube private link to be evaluated by teachers of CNA.

Older American Adult #1: “I want to thank you for this exchange of experience, you know, you are incredible.”

Brazilian Teenager #1: “Obrigado.”

Older American Adult #2: “You are my new granddaughter.”

Older American Adult #5: “And I love you.”

Brazilian Teenager #4: “I love you, too.”

Older American Adult #1: “And if you were here I would give you a big hug.”

Brazilian Teenager #1: “Oh yeah, that’s hug.”

Brazilian Teenager #2: “Bye.”

Older American Adult #3: “Bye.”

More than better students. Better people.