

# Re: Portuguese lingual r

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António Marques wrote:

On Jun 6, 8:28 pm, "Ekkehard Dengler" <ED...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Incidentally, have you noticed that people from the southern half (or two thirds) of the country pronounce the <ou> diphthong /o/?

No luck there. I spend quite a lot of time among them. In fact, my dialect is no different in that regard. Still waiting for the spelling mistakes.

Try googling for "coro cabeludo" then.

We're pretty much an illiterate people, but <o> for <ou> appears only twice in a lifetime. I'm suprised that you, who are able to notice that /u/ has a reduced, central-leaning allophone – it would be a much more consistent system if only /U/ were a phoneme, as it stands all vowels come in pairs except u... – should fall prey to the simplistic ideia that there must either be an [ow]/[o] opposition or an [o]/[o] merger, but no other possibility.

An opposition either exists or it doesn't and the simple fact is that there is no difference at all. I'm sorry to have brought this up now. I got my hopes up when I read that you'd been listening more attentively to speakers.

Regards,  
Ekkehard