

MÓDULO 01 - CHECK OUT

DEFINITION

CHECK OUT -

1. pay what is owed before leaving (usually used with hotels, hospitals and stores)
2. examine, verify, look over (someone or something) to see if you approve
3. borrow books from a library

CHECK OUT can be separable or inseparable.

CHECK OUT meaning “to pay for what is owed” is inseparable

Ex. I checked out from the hotel this morning.

Ex. I’m checking out at the grocery store.

CHECK OUT meaning examine, verify, approve or borrow books from a library is separable.

Ex. I need to check out that book you mentioned. OR I need to check that book out that you mentioned.

Ex. I checked out 10 books from the library last month. I checked 10 library books out from the library last month.

CHECK is a regular verb (CHECK - CHECKED - CHECKED)

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Present tense + frequency adverbs

I always *check out* books from the library. It’s free, and they have a great selection!

- “library” and “livraria” are false cognates. Library means “biblioteca” and a “livraria” means “bookstore” in English.

2. Present continuous

Hey, that **guy** is checking you out!

- If someone is looking at you in a way that shows romantic interest, it’s very common to say “He/She is checking you out.”
- guy - (singular) used only with men
 - o There’s a weird guy over there.
- guys (plural) - used with men and/or women (any age)
 - o Hi guys! = Hi everyone!

3. Past simple

Leila *checked out* of the hotel early this morning.

4. Past continuous + past perfect

Marcos *was checking out* the new museum yesterday, even though he had told me the entrance **fee** was expensive.

- fee and tax are often confused. Fee means “taxa” - the price you pay for classes, a monthly subscription or to enter places like museums, theme parks, concerts or sporting events. Tax means “imposto,” which is what you pay in addition to the fee.
 - o Spotify charges a monthly fee of \$10 for their premium subscription.
 - o Most states charge a higher tax on alcohol and cigarette sales.

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5. Used to (get used to do)

We *got used to* checking out **lots** of books.

- “lots of (something)” informal way of saying “a lot of (something)” - can be used with countable and uncountable nouns
 - o Ex. We have lots of time.
 - o Ex. The children have lots of toys.

6. Future (going to)

We're *going to* check out of the hotel after we **finish** packing our bags.

- pack our bags - “bag” is a general term for a purse, suitcase, backpack, or plastic or paper bag that you get at the grocery store. You could also say “pack our suitcases” if you wanted to be more specific.

7. Present perfect

Your mother has checked out three books, but she *hasn't returned* them **yet**.

- yet - mostly used in negative and interrogative sentences. In negative sentences, “yet” means “ainda”. In interrogative sentences, it means “já”.
 - o I haven't seen that movie yet. - Eu ainda não vi aquele filme.
 - o Have you seen that movie yet? - Você já viu aquele filme?

8. Past perfect + simple past

I had wanted *to check* that **show** out, but I didn't have any money.

- show - this word is used a lot in Portuguese in situations that we don't use it in English. If you are talking about a musical performance, we usually use the word “concert” in English. If you are talking about theatrical performances (musicals, stand-up comedy, etc.) or TV programs, we use the word “show”.
 - o My grandfather went to a Beatles concert when they were in town. (not “show”)
 - o I really want to go to the Taylor Swift concert next month. (not “show”)
 - o Friends is my favorite show ever.
 - o Cirque du Soleil puts on a fantastic show!

9. Conditionals

If we have some time, I'd like to *check out* the **shopping mall**.

- shopping mall/mall/shopping center - NOT “shopping”

10. Modals (can)

We *can* check out that new café if you like.

■ PRACTICE

Have you ever had a bad experience checking out of a hotel?

Ex. I have! My family came to visit me in Brazil and they tried to charge us for an extra room that we didn't even use.

When you travel, what places do you like to check out?

Do you like to check out the tourist attractions (visit museums and go on tours)?

Or do you like to check out the local places (cafes, stores and restaurants that are not normally found in a tour book)?

Ex. I like to check out a little bit of everything (the touristic places of interest and the places that the locals go).