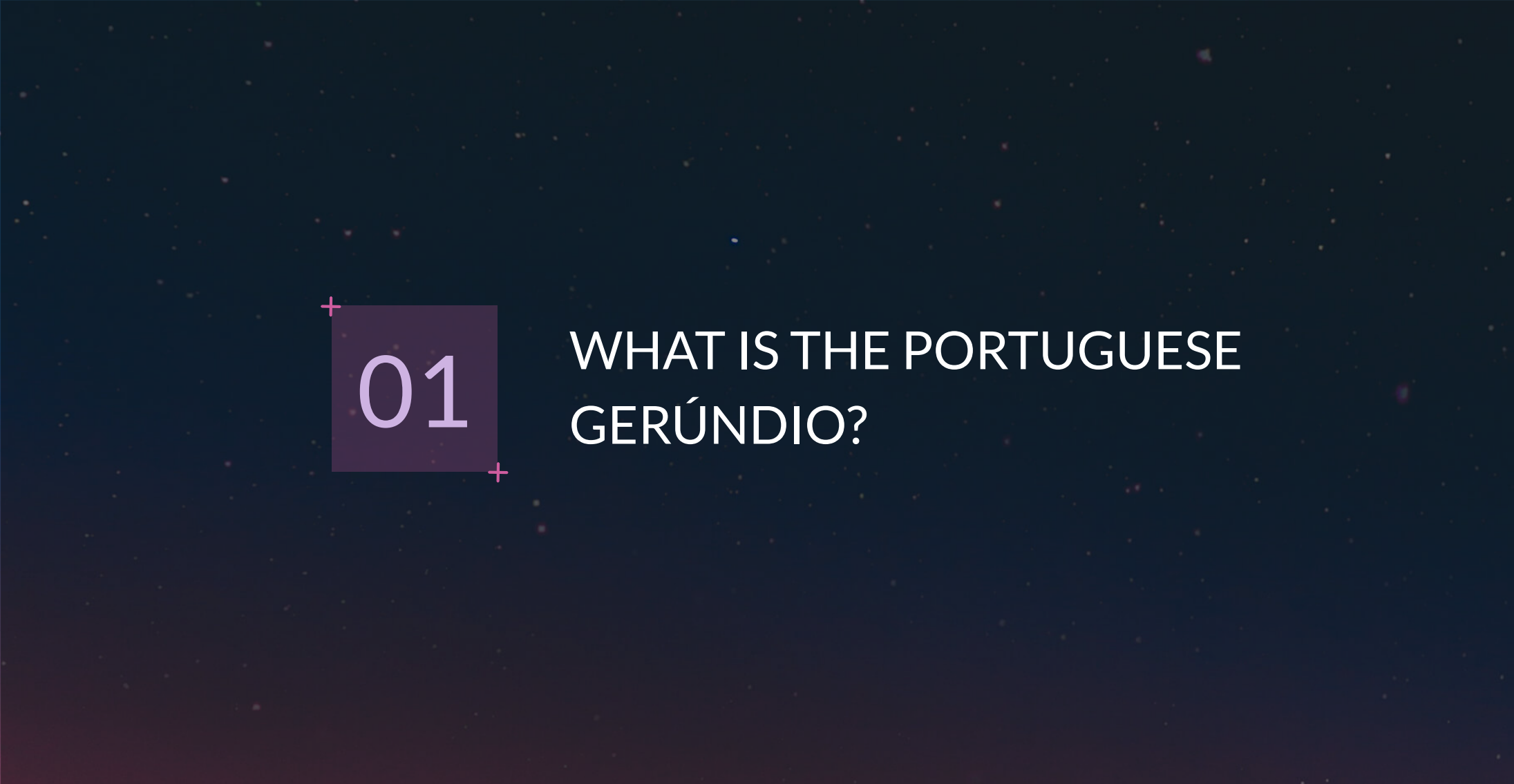


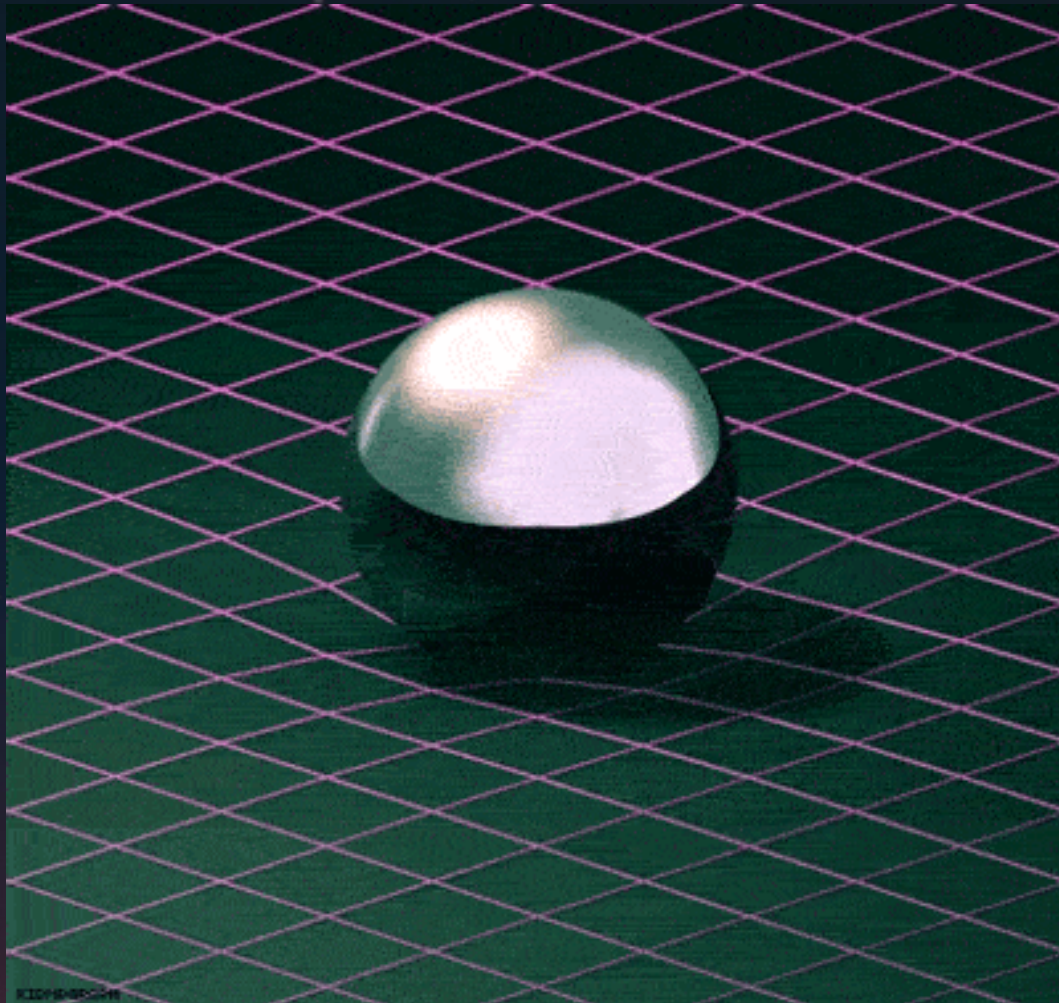
GERÚNDIO

A FAST AND PRACTICAL CRASH COURSE ON
THE PORTUGUESE GERUND, WITH CLEAR
EXPLANATIONS AND SIMPLE EXAMPLES TO
HELP YOU EXPRESS ACTIONS IN PROGRESS.



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WHAT IS THE PORTUGUESE
GERÚNDIO?



1. WHAT IS THE PORTUGUESE GERÚNDIO?

The Portuguese gerúndio expresses an action that is happening right now, at the exact moment of speaking.

It **ONLY** works with the verb **ESTAR**.

It is not the same as the English gerund (-ing).
It corresponds to the English present continuous (I am eating, she is talking, etc.).

2. HOW IS IT FORMED?

Super simple. The easiest verbal form in Portuguese:

Take the verb in the infinitive → remove the final R → add NDO.

✓ All verbs follow the SAME rule.

✓ No irregular forms – zero.

Examples:

falar → falando

comer → comendo

abrir → abrindo

estudar → estudando

assistir → assistindo



3. When is it used?

Use the gerúndio ONLY when something is actually happening right now, in real time.

Structure:

estar + gerúndio

Examples:

Eu estou estudando agora.

Ela está comendo.

Nós estamos assistindo ao vídeo.

It does NOT express habits, routines, repeated actions, or long-term behaviors.

Just “this is happening right now.”

4. COMMON MISTAKES

Students often confuse the Portuguese gerúndio with the English -ing form.

In English, -ing can be a noun (reading is fun), an adjective (a running joke), or a progressive verb (I am eating).

In Portuguese, the gerúndio is **ONLY** the progressive action with *estar*.

Examples of incorrect usage (in Portuguese):

- ✗ Eu gosto de nadando.
- ✗ Estudar é importante para aprendendo.

Only this is correct:

- ✓ Eu estou nadando.
- ✓ Eu gosto de nadar.



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CHARACTER SPEAKING

Real people using the Portuguese gerund in real situations... or at least pretending to.

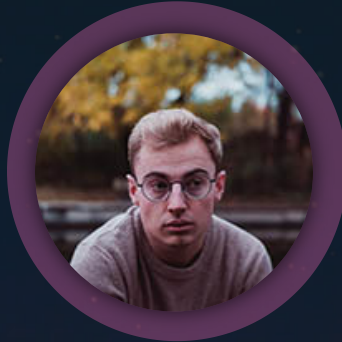
Character Speaking

Gerúndio



Cristiano

Eu estou tentando
trabalhar.



Rafael

Eu estou esperando um
ônibus há vinte minutos...



Marisa

Minha mãe está fritando
coxinha.



Marcela

Eu estou estudando
português agora.



Cleusa

Eu estou procurando a
saída...

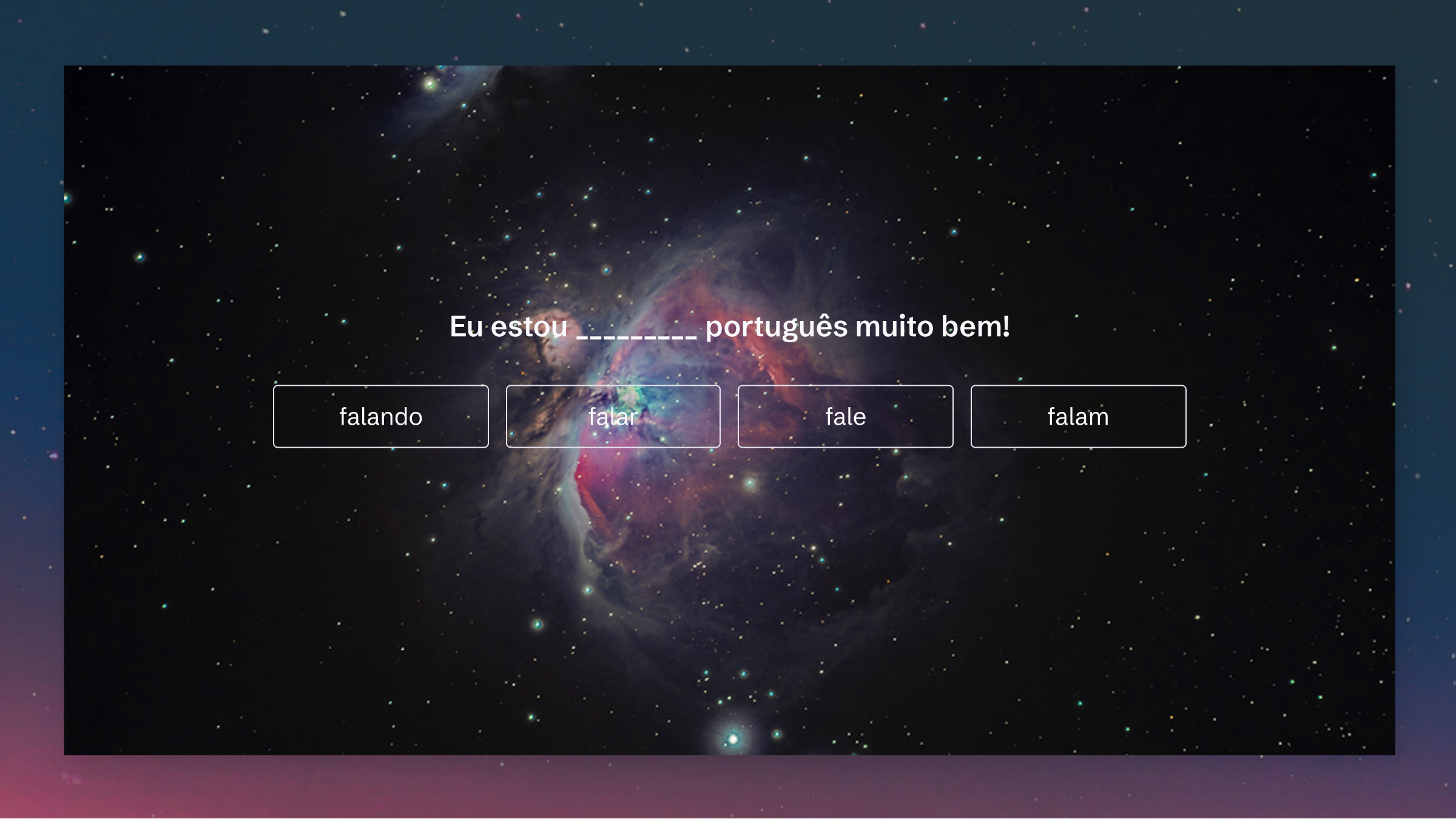
Video

Lorem ipsum dolor



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INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS



Eu estou ----- português muito bem!

falando

falar

fale

falam



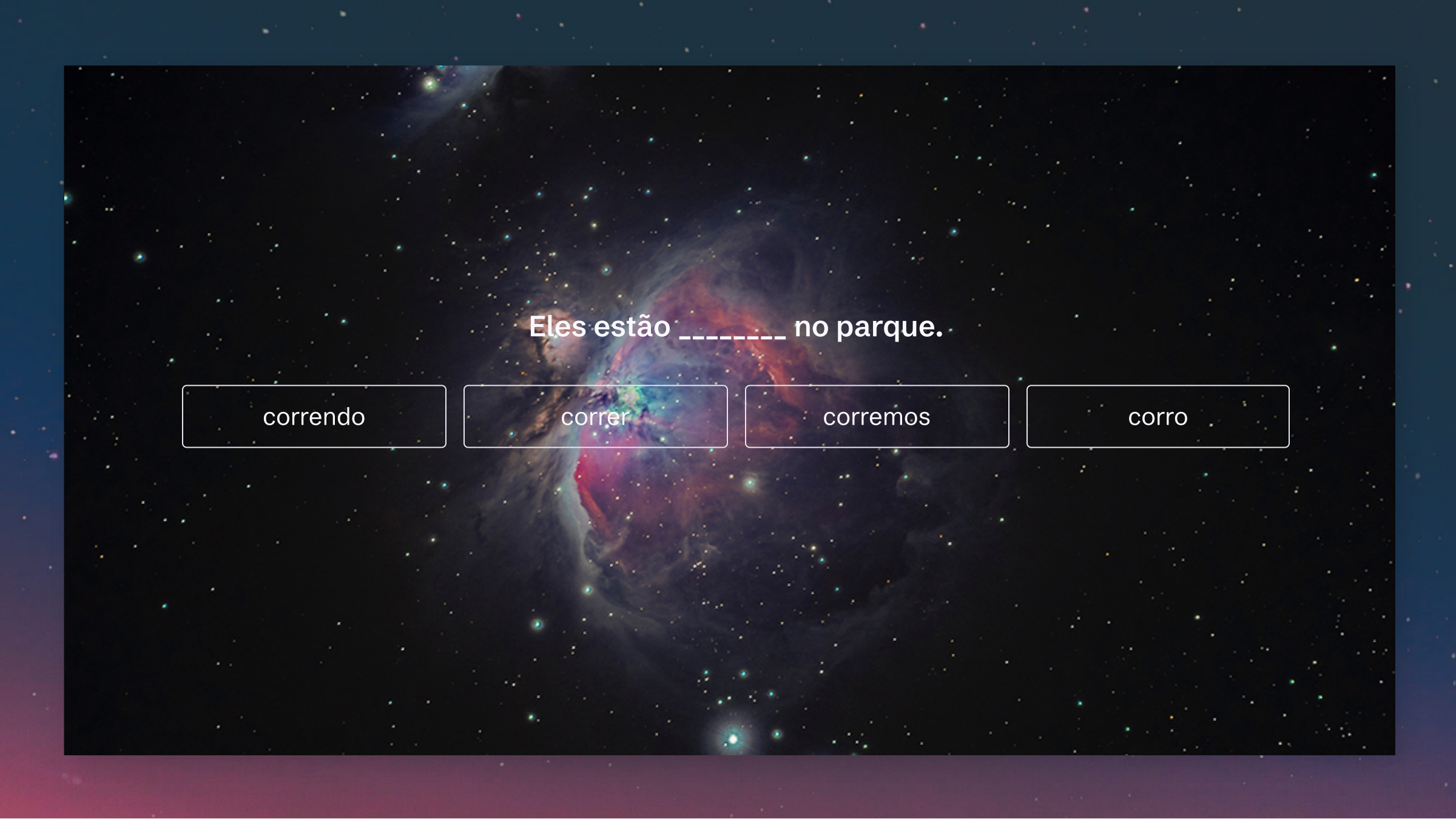
Nós estamos _____ um filme de ferro.

assistindo

assiste

assistir

assistem



Eles estão _____ no parque.

correndo

correr

corremos

corro



Muito obrigado!!!