Portuguese

School time story Informant C11-2, Leiria, Portugal Field notes by Vera Ferreira. Institute of General Linguistic and Typology, University of Munich.

1. Fui sempre boa aluna. be:IND:PRET:PERF:COP:1SG always good pupil.

"I was always a good pupil."

2. *Portanto*, *chegá-mos* à *terceir-a classe*. so arrive:IND:PRET:PERF-1PL at third-F class

"So, we came to the third class."

3. *Tínha-mos* a professora que era have:IND:PRET:PERF-1PL ART:DEF:SG:F teacher that be:IND:PRET:IMPF:COP:3SG

a regente, não era professora formad-a ART:DEF:SG:F class=master NEG be:IND:PRET:IMPF:COP:3SG teacher graduate:PART-F

como eram a-s outr-a-s, e essa já as be:IND:PRET:IMPF:COP:3PL ART:DEF:F-PL other-F-PL and MED already

da-va a mim e à outr-a programa-s já give:IND:PRET:IMPF:3SG to 1SG:DAT and to:DET:DEF:SG:F other-F exercise-PL already

d-a quarta classe, mais adiantad-o-s porque nós from-ART:DEF:SG:F fourth class more advanced-M-PL because 1PL:NOM

está-va-mos ali a fazer nada, já sab-ía-mos be-IND:PRET:IMPF:AUX-1PL there to do:INF nothing already know-IND:PRET:IMPF-1PL

aquilo tudo.
DIST all

"We had a teacher who was the class master, she was not a graduated teacher like the others, and that one [teacher] gave me and the other [friend of mine] exercises even from the fourth class, more advanced, because we were doing nothing there [in the 3rd class]; we already knew all that stuff."

4. Fiz o exame de admissão à escola e do:IND:PRET:PERF:1SG ART:DEF:SG:M exam of admission to:ART:DEF:SG:F school and

a-o liceu bem, óptimo. to-ART:DET:SG:M secondary=school well very=well

"I did the admission exam to school [economic school] and to the secondary school well, very well."

5. Fui depois para o ciclo.

go:IND:PRET:PERF:1SG then to ART:DEF:SG:M secondary=scholl

"Then, I went to the secondary school."

6. Foi horrível porque não conhec-ia ninguém e be:IND:PRET:PERF:COP:3G horrible because NEG know-IND:PRET:IMP:1SG nobody and

quer-ia que o meu pai lá want-IND:PRET:IMP:1SG that ART:DEF:SG:M 1SG:POSS:M father there

fica-sse comigo. stay-SUBJV:PRET:IMPF:3SG with=me

"It was horrible, because I didn't know anyone and I wanted my father to stay there with me."

7. Fui o número mil e o director be:IND:PRET:PERF:COP:1SG ART:DEF:SG:M number one=thousand and ART:DEF:SG:M director

cham-ou--me lá para me homenagear, para me dar call-IND:PRET:PERF:3SG—1SG:ACC there to 1SG:ACC honour:INF to 1SG:DAT give:INF

um-a medalha, um-a coisa qualquer, por ter sido o one-F medal one-F thing any for have:INF:AUX be:PART ART:DEF:SG:M

número mil. number one=thousand

"I was number one thousand and the director called me there to honour me, to give me a medal, anything, for being number one thousand."