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Czech Language Basics

If you're going to be in the Czech Republic for any length of time, you're going to want to learn at least some of the language. Yes, it's difficult, and it's very likely that you'll never master it, but the basics are both easy and essential.

Pronunciation: One of the first things you'll want to learn is pronunciation. It's relatively simple and phonetic – letters generally sound the same regardless of the words that contain them. There are some exceptions, but unlike English, they follow fairly strict rules – you're unlikely to encounter too many oddities.

Czech alphabet: a, á, b, c, ě, d, ě, é, ě, f, g, h, ch, i, í, j, k, l, m, n, ň, o, ó, p, r, ř, s, š, t, ť, u, ú, ů, v, ý, z, ž.

The Letters q, w, and x typically exist only in foreign words.

Vowels are short (unaccented) and long (accented), and can be simplified as such: pronounce the accented vowels the same as their counterparts, just hold them twice as long.

Guide:

a makes an 'ah' sound (as in 'bus')

e makes an 'eh' sound (as in 'red')

i makes an 'e' sound (as in 'she')

o makes an 'o' sound (as in 'hot')

u makes an 'oo' sound (as in 'book')

y is pronounced the same as i

ě makes a 'ye' sound (as in the 'ye' in 'yes')

The following consonants sound the same in Czech as they do in the English examples:

b (as in 'bed')

d (as in 'dog')

f (as in 'film')

g (as in 'game')

h (as in 'hot')

l (as in 'lit')

m (as in 'meat')

n (as in 'not')

s (as in 'sad')

v (as in 'van')

z (as in 'zone')

Consonants k, p, and t are pretty much the same as in English, just softer – never with the 'aspiration' that they may have in English.

The others:

c makes a 'ts' sound (as in the 'ts' in 'its')

č makes a 'ch' sound (as in 'cheese')

ch makes a 'huh' sound like in 'Loch' – with a bit more phlegm

j makes a 'y' sound (as in yes)

r is rolled, making a 'rrr' sound (same as the Spanish r)

ř is the rolled r combined with a ž to make a 'rzuh' sound

š makes a 'sh' sound (as in 'she')

ž makes a 'zhuh' sound (as in 'measure')

ď, ť, and ň are pronounced slightly different than their counterparts d, t, and n. They're softer, sounding like 'dyuh', 'tyuh', and 'nyuh'. When these three letters are followed by an ě or an i, they lose the hook but are pronounced the same.

There are some exceptions to the general pronunciations, but thankfully they're few and far between.

Basic Vocabulary

English	Czech	Phonetic
Yes	Ano	Ah-no
No	Ne	Neh
Good Morning	Dobré ráno	Do-breh rah-no
Good Day (formal hello)	Dobrý den	Do-bree Dehn
Hello (informal)	Ahoj	Ahoy
Good evening	Dobrý večer	Do-bree veh-chehr
Goodbye (formal)	Na shledanou	Nah skledah-noh
Goodbye (informal)	Čau	Chow
Good Night	Dobrou noc	Do-brooh nots
Nice to meet you	Těší mě	Tye-shee Mye
How are you? (formal)	Jak se máte?	Yak seh mah-te
How are you? (informal)	Jak se máš?	Yak seh mahsh
I'm well	Mám se dobře	Mahm se do-breh
What is your name?	Jak se jmenujete?	Yak seh ymenooyete
My name is...	Jmenuji se...	Ymen-oo-ye seh
Do you speak English?	Mluvíte anglicky?	Mloo-veeteh ahngleetskee
I don't speak Czech	Nemluvím česky	Neh-mloo-veem cheskee
I don't understand	Nerozumím	Neh-rozoo-meem
Excuse me; forgive me	Promiňte	Promeenyuh teh
Thank you	Děkuji	Dyekooeye
Please; you're welcome	Prosím	Proseem
How much is it?	Kolik to stojí?	Koleek toh stoyee
Bill, please	Účet, prosím	Oocheht, proseem
Bon appetite	Dobrou chuť	Do-brooh khutye
To your health (cheers)	Na zdraví	Nah zdrah-vee
Do you have...?	Máte...?	Mah-teh
Where is the...?	Kde je...?	Gdeh ye
Restroom	Toaleta	Toh-ah-lehta
Restaurant	Restaurace	Rehs-tau-rahtseh
Shop	Obchod	Ob-khod
Street	Ulice	Oo-leetseh
Police	Policie	Poleetsee-eh
Hospital	Nemocnice	Neh-mots-nitseh
Train Station	Nádraží	Nah-drazhyee
Airport	Letiště	Leh-teesh-tyeh
I want to speak Czech	Chci mluvit česky	Kh-tsee mloo-veet cheskee



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LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE

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Emergency Words & Phrases

Help!	Pomoc!
Fire!	Hoří!
Theft!	Zloděj!
Call an ambulance/a doctor!	Zavolejte sanitku/doktora!
Call the police!	Zavolejte policii!
I'm not feeling well	Není mi dobře
Where is the police station?	Kde je policejní stanice?
My bag has been stolen	Ukradli mi tašku
I have been robbed	Byl jsem okraden
I have lost my passport/bag	Ztratil jsem pas/tašku
I want to call my embassy	Chci si zavolat na ambasádu
I need a doctor	Potřebuji lékaře
Take me to the hospital, please	Chci do nemocnice, prosím
I'm allergic to ...	Jsem alergický na ...
I'm having a heart attack	Mám infarkt
She/he has stopped breathing	Nedýchá
I want a lawyer	Chci právníka
There's a gas leak	Uniká plyn

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FINDING THE RESTROOM

When you're in a restaurant, sometimes finding your way to the toilet isn't the easiest maneuver, especially when you have no idea what male and female is in the given language. So to save you a few embarrassing moments, be aware of these terms:

Gentlemen

Páni

Muži

Ladies

Dámy

Ženy

Czech Menu Decoder

One of the first things you're likely to learn is the various names of food – you'll want to know what you're eating. Here are some words and phrases that are likely to be found on a typical Czech menu:

Food	Jídlo
warm starters	teplé předkrmý
cold starters	studené předkrmý
salads	saláty
mixed salad	šopský salát
Greek salad	řecký salát
tomato salad	rajčatový salát
soup	polévka
Meat	Maso
chicken	kuře
ham	šunka
beefsteak	biftek
bacon	slanina
beef	hovězí
lamb	jehněčí
pork	vepřové
fish	ryby

salmon	losos
trout	pstruh
goulash	guláš
beef filet/sirloin in sauce	svíčková
steak tartare	tatarský biftek
Vegetarian/without meat	Vegetariánské/bezmasá
cheese	sýr
brie cheese	hermelín
blue cheese	niva
fried cheese	smažený sýr/smažák
broccoli	brokolice
mushrooms	žampiony
cauliflower	květák
spinach	špenát
risotto	rizoto
pasta	těstoviny
Preparation	Příprava
roasted	opékané
fried	smažený
skewered	špíz
sautéed	směs
stuffed	plněné
grilled	grilované
stewed	dušené
baked	pečené
smoked	uzené

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onion	cibule
garlic	česnek
red pepper	paprika
leek	pórek
cabbage	zelí
ginger	zázvor
asparagus	chřest
almonds	mandle
corn	kukuřice
butter	máslo
pineapple	ananas
cream	smetana
ketchup	kečup
Side dishes	Přílohy
potatoes	brambory
French fries	hranolky
potato croquettes	krokety
rice	rýže
vegetables	zelenina
dumplings	knedlíky
bread	chléb
roll	pečivo
fried bread	topinky
Drinks	Nápoje
aperitifs	aperitivy
beer	pivo
can	plechovka
bottle	láhev
white wine	bílá vína
red wine	červená vína
liquors	likéry
soft drinks	nealko
juice	džus
water	voda
sparkling water	voda perlivá
still water	voda neperlivá
carbonated water	soda
hot drinks	teplé nápoje
coffee	káva
tea	čaj
spiced (mulled) wine	svařené víno
grog (tea with rum)	grog
Desserts	Deserty
honey cake	medovník
ice cream	zmrzlina
pancakes/crêpes	palačinky
chocolate	čokoláda
fruit	ovoce

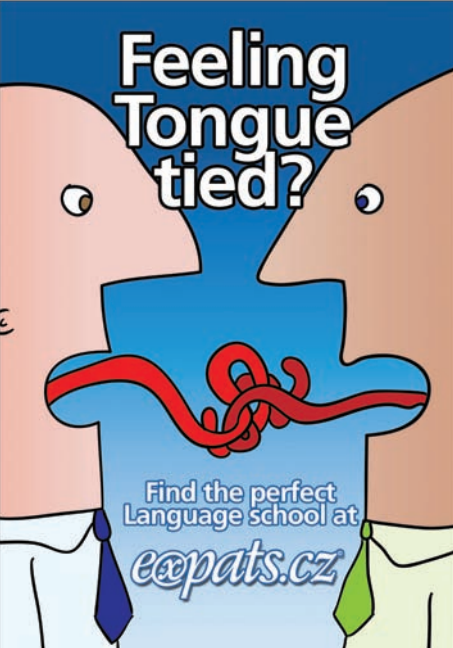


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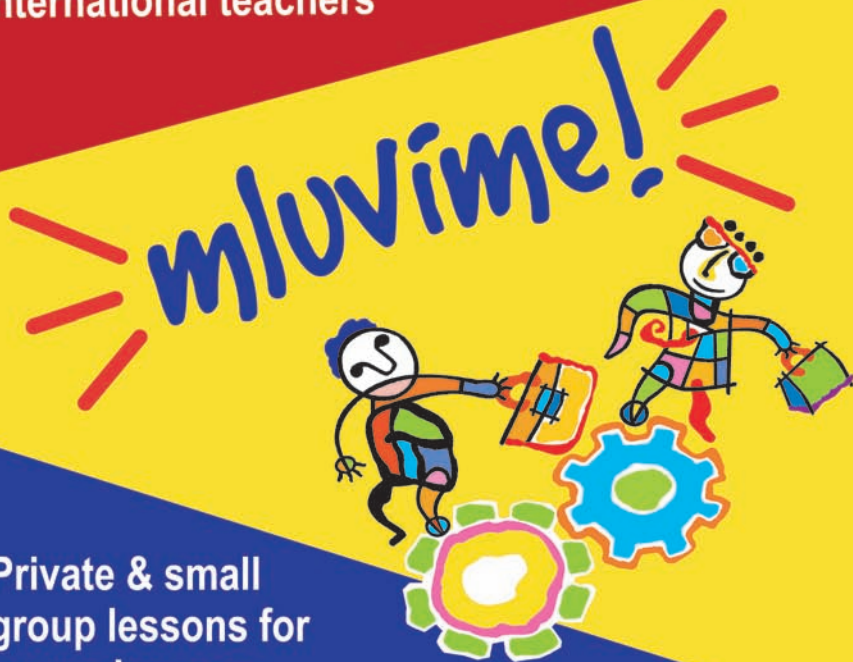


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