

Basic Czech Phrases and Words

Capital letters in the pronunciation guide indicate stressed syllable if the word.

When an "h" follows a vowel or a set of vowels in the pronunciation guide the "h" is silent, but please follow these examples: "ah" is like "o" on clock, "eh" is like "ea" in pleasure, "ee" is like "ee" in free, "eeh" is like "ee" in beet, "ih" is like "i" in fit, "oh" is like "oa" in boat, "oo" is like "oe" in shoe, "ooh" is like "oo" in boot, "uh" is like "u" in cut.

When a consonant is followed by (ʲ), then it should be pronounced as a soft sound (i.e. "nʲ" would be said like the first "a" in the word companion).

When "zh" appears, it is read like "s" in pleasure.

When an "h" is followed by (ɦ), that indicates a hard, somewhat guttural "h" sound.

When an "r" is followed by (ř), that indicates the rolled "r" combined with "zh" which is a sound unique only to the Czech language.

<u>English</u>	<u>Czech</u>	<u>Pronunciation Guide</u>
Yes/ No	ano/ ne	(AH-noh / neh)
Thank you	Děkuji	(DʲEH-kwee)
Please/ You're welcome	Prošim	(PROH-seem)
Hello (formal)	Dobry den	(DOH-bree den)
Hello (informal)	Ahoj	(AH-hoy)
Good Bye (formal)	Na shledanou	(NAHs-hʲleh-dah-hoh-oo)
Good Bye (informal)	Ahoj	(AH-hoy)
Good evening	Dobry večer	(DOH-bree VEH-chair)
My name is ...	Já jsem	(YAH-sem)
What is your name? (formal)	Jak se jmenujete?	(YAHK seh MEH-noo-yeh-teh)
What is your name? (informal)	Jak se jmenuješ?	(YAHK seh MEH-noo-yesh)
How are you? (formal)	Jak se máte?	(YAHK sek MAH-teh)
How are you? (informal)	Jak se máš?	(YAHK say MASH)
Fine	Dobře	(DOH-brʲzhe)
Where are you from? (formal)	Odkud jste?	(OHD-kood STEH)
Where are you from? (informal)	Odkud jsi?	(OHD-kood SEEH)
I'm from	Jsem z	(SEMZ)
What?	Co?	(TSOH)
When?	Kdy?	(GDEEH)
Why?	Proč?	(PROACH)
How?	Jak?	(YAHK)
Where?	Kde?	(GDEH)
Who?	Kdo?	(GDOH)
How much is it?	Kolik to stojí?	(KOH-leek toh STOHyee)
Do you speak English?	Mluvíte anglicky?	(MLOO-vee-teh AHN-glit-skee)
I don't speak Czech.	Nemluví česky.	(NEH-mloo-veem CHEH-skee)

Do you understand?	Rozumíte?	(ROH-zoo-mee-teh)
Good	Dobrý	(DOH-bree)
Bad	Špatný	(SHPAHT-nee)
Here	Tady	(TAH-dee)
There	Tam	(TAHM)
What time is it?	Kolik je hodin?	(KOH-leek yeh HOH-d'een)
Soon	Brzy	(BUHR-zee)
Later	Pozdě	(POHZ-d'eh)
Water	Voda	(VOH-dah)
Where is the toilet?	Kde je toaleta?	(KDEH yeh TOH-ah-leh-tah)
Excuse me, please.	Promiňte.	(PROH-meen'-teh)
I'm sorry.	Omlouvám se.	(Oh-mloh-vahm seh)
Quiet	Ticho	(T ^E EE-ho)
Wait (formal)	Počkejte	(POHCH-kay-teh)
Wait (informal)	Počkej	(POHCH-kay)
Listen (formal)	Poslouchejte	(POH-sloh-kay-teh)
Listen (informal)	Poslouchej	(POH-sloh-kay)
1	Jedna	(YEHD-nah)
2	Dva	(DVAH)
3	Tři	(T-rzhee)
4	Čtyři	(CH-tih-rzhee)
5	Pět	(PYET)
Run	Utíkej	(OOH-t'ee-kay)
Sit down (plural)	Sedněte si	(SEHD-nyeh-teh see)
Stand up (plural)	Stoupěte si	(STOHP-nyeh-teh see)
Be careful/ watch out	Pozor	(POH-zohr)
Be good	Nezlob	(NEH-zloh)
Praise God!	Sláva Bohu!	(SLAH-va BOH-hoo)
Jesus loves you! (formal)	Ježíš Vás miluje!	(YEH-zheesh vahs MIH-loo-yeh)
Jesus loves you! (informal)	Ježíš tě miluje!	(YEH-zheesh t'eh MIH-loo-yeh)