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# Czech QuickChat

**Many English speakers flinch when they see written Czech – especially words like *prst* (finger) and *krk* (neck) with no apparent vowels, and the seemingly unpronounceable clusters of consonants in phrases like *čtrnáct dní* (fortnight). Don't despair! With a little practice and some pronunciation guidelines you'll be enjoying the buttery mouthfeel of Czech words in no time. Czech also has one big advantage in the pronunciation stakes – unlike English, each Czech letter is always pronounced exactly the same way, so once you've got the hang of the Czech alphabet you'll be able to read any word put before you with aplomb.**

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## QUESTION WORDS

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|---|---|---|
| **How?** | jak | *yuhk* |
| **What?** | co? | *tso* |
| **When?** | kdy? | *gdi* |
| **Where?** | kde? | *gde* |
| **Who?** | kdo? | *gdo* |

## CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Hello** | Ahoj | *uh·hoy* |
| **Hi** | Čau | *chow* |
| **Goodbye** | Na shledanou | *nuh·skhle·duh·noh* |
| **Bye** | Ahoj | *uh·hoy* |
| **Yes** | Ano | *uh·no* |
| **No** | Ne | *ne* |
| **Please** | Prosím | *pro·seem* |
| **Thank you** | Děkuji | *dyuh·ku·yem* |
| **You're welcome** | Prosím | *pro·seem* |
| **Excuse me** | Promiňte | *pro·min'·te* |
| **Sorry** | Promiňte | *pro·min'·te* |
| **What's your name?** | Jak se jmenujete? (pol) | *yuhk se yme·nu·ye·te* |
| | Jak se jmenujete? (inf) | *yuhk se yme·nu·yesh* |
| **My name is ...** | Jmenuji se ... | *yme·nu·yi se ...* |
| **Where are you from?** | Odkud jste? | *ot·kud yste* |
| **I'm from ...** | Jsem z ... | *ysem s ...* |
| **How are you?** | Jak se máte? (pol) | *yuhk se ma·te* |
| | Jak se máš? (inf) | *yuhk se mash* |

## DIRECTIONS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Where is ...?** | Kde je ...? | *gde ye ...* |
| **It's straight ahead** | Je to přímo | *ye to przhee·mo* |
| **Turn left** | Odbočte do leva | *od·boch·te do le·vuh* |
| **Turn right** | Odbočte prava | *od·boch·te pruh·vuh* |
| **at the corner** | za roh/na rohu | *zuh rawh/nuh ro·hu* |
| **at the traffic lights** | u semaforu | *u se·muh·fo·ru* |

## LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Do you speak English?** | Mluvíte anglicky? | *mlu·vee·te uhn·glits·ki* |
| **What does ... mean?** | Co znamená ...? | *tso znuh·me·na ...* |
| **I understand** | Rozumím | *ro·zu·meem* |
| **I don't understand** | Nerozumím | *ne·ro·zu·meem* |

## TIME & DATES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **What time is it?** | Kolik je hodin? | *ko·lik ye ho·dyin* |
| **morning** | ráno | *ra·no* |
| **afternoon** | odpoledne | *ot·po·led·ne* |
| **evening** | večer | *ve·cher* |
| **today** | dnes | *dnes* |
| **tomorrow** | zítra | *zeet·ruh* |
| **yesterday** | včera | *fche·ruh* |
| **Monday** | pondělí | *pon·dye·lee* |
| **Tuesday** | úterý | *oo·te·ree* |
| **Wednesday** | středa | *strzhe·duh* |
| **Thursday** | čtvrtek | *chtvr·tek* |
| **Friday** | pátek | *pa·tek* |
| **Saturday** | sobota | *so·bo·tuh* |
| **Sunday** | nedělea | *ne·dye·le* |

## SHOPPING & SERVICES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Where can I buy ...?** | Kde si mohu koupit ...? | *gde si mo·hu koh·pit ...* |
| **How much is it?** | Kolik to stojí? | *ko·lik to sto·yee* |
| **I'd like...** | Chtěl/Chtěla bych ... (m/f) | *khtyel/khtye· luh bikh ...* |
| **Can you write down the price?** | Můžete mi napsat cenu? | *moo·zhe·te mi nuhp·suht tse·nu* |
| **Can I look at it?** | Mohu se na to podívat? | *mo·hu se nuh to po·dyee·vuht* |
| **I'm just looking** | Jenom se dívám | *ye·nom se dyee·vam* |
| **That's too expensive** | To je moc drahé | *to ye mots druh·hair* |
| **Do you accept credit cards?** | Mohu platit kreditními kartami? | *mo·hu pluh·tyit kre·dit·nyee·mi kuhr·tuh·mi* |

## PLACES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **church** | kostel | *kos·tel* |
| **city centre** | centrum | *tsen·trum* |
| **embassy** | velvyslanectví | *vel·vi·sluh·nets·tvee* |
| **market** | trh/tržnice | *trh/tr·zhnyi·tse* |
| **museum** | muzeum | *mu·ze·um* |
| **post office** | pošta | *posh·tuh* |
| **public toilet** | veřejný záchod | *ve·zhey·nee za·khod* |
| **tourist office** | turistickáinformační kancelář | *tu·ris·tits·kain·for·muhch·nyee kuhn·tse·larzh* |

## TRANSPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **What time does the bus/train leave?** | V kolik hodin odjíždí autobus/vlak? | *f ko·lik ho·dyin od·yeezh·dyee ow·to·bus/vluhk* |
| **What time does the bus/train arrive?** | V kolik hodin přijíždí autobus/vlak? | *f ko·lik ho·dyin przhee·yeezh·dyee ow·to·bus/vluhk* |
| **boat** | člun | *chlun* |
| **bus** | autobus | *ow·to·bus* |
| **plane** | letadlo | *le·tuhd·lo* |
| **train** | vlak | *vluhk* |
| **Where do I buy a ticket?** | Kde koupím jízdenku? | *gde koh·peem yeez·den·ku* |
| **platform** | nástupiště | *nas·tu·pish·tye* |
| **ticket office** | pokladna | *po·kluhd·nuh* |
| **timetable** | jízdní řád | *yeezd·nyee rzhad* |
| **train station** | nádraží | *na·druh·zhee* |

## EMERGENCIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Help!** | Pomoc! | *po·mots* |
| **Go away!** | Běžte pryč! | *byezh·te prich* |
| **I'm lost** | Zabloudil/Zabloudila jsem (m/f) | *zuh·bloh·dyil/zuh·bloh·dyi·luh ysem* |
| **Call ...!** | Zavolejte ...! | *zuh·vo·ley·te ...* |
| **a doctor** | lékaře | *lair·kuh·rzhe* |
| **the police** | policii | *po·li·tsi·yi* |

## SIGNS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Entrance** | Vchod |
| **Exit** | Východ |
| **Open** | Otevřeno |
| **Closed** | Zavřeno |
| **Information** | Informace |
| **Prohibited** | Zakázáno |
| **Police Station** | Policejní Stanice |
| **Toilets** | Záchody/WC |
| **Men** | Páni/Muži |
| **Women** | Dámy/Ženy |