

# CZECH WORDS, PHRASES and NUMBERS

Most people in Czech understand or speak basic English, especially the younger generation.

Communication is usually very easy and most restaurants in tourist areas have an English menu.

**This YouTube page has some basic Czech lessons.**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLV2UazSOxxuXRA2e9Frxx\\_Gh9slrGBhw-](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLV2UazSOxxuXRA2e9Frxx_Gh9slrGBhw-)

## BASIC CZECH WORDS AND PHRASES

YES = ANO (ano) NO = NE (ne)

PLEASE = PROSÍM (proseem)

THANK YOU = DEŮKUJI VAM (dyekooyi vam)

GOOD MORNING = DOBRÉ RÁNO (dobrye rano)

GOOD AFTERNOON = DOBRÉ ODPOLEDNE (dobrye odpoledne)

GOOD NIGHT = DOBROU NOC (dobroh nots)

HELLO = DOBRÝ DEN (dobree den)

GOOD-BYE = NA SHLEDANOU (nas-khledanow)

WHAT IS YOUR NAME? = JAK SE JMENUJETE? (yak se menooyete)

MY NAME IS... = JMENUJI SE... (menooyi se)

HOW ARE YOU? = JAK SE MÁTE? (jak se mahte )

FINE THANKS, AND YOU? = DEŮKUJI DOBRŮE, A VY? (dyekooyi dobrzhe, a vi)

I UNDERSTAND. = ROZUMÍM (rozooeem)

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. = NEROZUMÍM. (nerozooeem)

DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? = MLUVÍTE ANGLICKY? (mlooveete anglitskee)

I DON'T SPEAK CZECH. = NEMLUVÍM ČESKY. (nemlooveem chehskee)

NICE TO MEET YOU = Těší mě. (tyeh-sheee mnyeh)

## USEFUL PHRASES

If you learn nothing else, try these phrases:

1. Prosím (pro-seem) = Possibly the most useful word in Czech. It means: 1) Please, 2) Here you are, 3) You're welcome, 4) What did you say?, 5) I'll have ... and can generally be used in times of doubt.
2. Děkuju (dyeh-kooyoo) = Thank you
3. Ano (ah-noh) = Yes. Ano is often shortened to no, sometimes resulting in cross-language confusion.
4. Ne (neh) = No. Fairly straightforward and direct.
5. Dobrý den (dob-ree den) = Hello, Good afternoon.
6. Nashledanou (nus-hle-dah-no) Good bye.
7. Ahoj (ah-hoy) = Hi. or Bye. Much like Aloha this word can be used both when meeting and leaving. You will often hear Czechs saying hi while waving you goodbye. Čau is another informal equivalent.
8. Kde je toaleta? (kdeh yeh toh-ah-le-ta) Where is the bathroom? Obviously useful but getting you into the realm of phrases where you need to understand the answer.
9. Kolik to stojí? (koh-leek toh stoh-ye) How much is it? Ditto.
10. Co je to? (tso yeh toh) What is it? This phrase is especially useful to expand your vocabulary.

## **ENGLISH = CZECH (PRONUNCIATION)**

How do you do (exactly 'Good day') = Dobry den (dobree den)

Good morning = Dobre rano (dobreh rahno)

Good evening = Dobry vecer (dobree vecher)

Good night = Dobrou noc (dobrow nots)

Goodbye = Na shledanou (naskhedanow)

Please = Prosim (proseem)

Thank You = Dekuji (dyekuyi)

Excuse me = S dovolenim (s dovolenyeem)

I'm sorry = Lituji (lituyi)

Excuse me = Prominte (promintey)

Yes = Ano (ano)

No = Ne (neh)

Do you speak English? = Mluvite anglicky? (mluveete anglitsky?)

I don't understand = Nerozumim (nerozumeem)

Please, write it down = Prosim napiste to (proseem napishte to)

Where is (a bank) = Kde je (kde ye) banka (banka)

Currency exchange = Smenarna (smnyenahrna)

Bathroom = Toaleta, Zachod (toaleta, zahkod)

Men = Muzi, Pani (muzhi, pahnyi)

Women = Zeny, Damy (zheny, dahmy)

How much does it cost? = Kolik to stoji (kolik to stoyee)

Waiter! = Pane vrchni! (pane vrkhnyee)

One beer, please = Jedno pivo prosim (yedno pivo proseem)

Waitress! = Slecno! (slechno)

The check, please! = Platit, prosim (platyit proseem.)

## **ON THE METRO**

Z technických důvodů zavřeno. = Closed due to technical reasons.

Ukončete výstup a nástup, dveře se zavírají! = Stop getting off or getting on, the doors are closing! (Prague subway announcement)

Příští zastávka: Náměstí Republiky = Next stop: Náměstí Republiky

## **CZECH NUMBERS**

0 (nula), 1 (jeden, jedna, jedno), 2 (dva, dvě), 3 (tři), 4 (čtyři)

5 (pět), 6 (šest), 7 (sedm), 8 (osm), 9 (devě) 10 (deset)

Wikitravel has a very nice webpage with additional words and phrases at [https://wikitravel.org/en/Czech\\_phrasebook](https://wikitravel.org/en/Czech_phrasebook)