



Pronunciation Guide

Vowels

a	Pronounced like 'a' in 'father'.
e	Pronounced like 'e' in 'bed'.
i	Pronounced like 'i' in 'machine'.
o	Pronounced like 'o' in 'bore'.
u	Pronounced like 'oo' in 'food' (also written as 'ó').
y	A sound between 'i' and 'u', similar to the 'i' in 'bit'.

Nasal Vowels

ą	Pronounced like 'on' in French 'bon' at the end of words or before /t/; otherwise closer to 'om'.
ę	Pronounced like 'en' in French 'bien' at the end of words or before /t/; otherwise closer to 'em'.

Consonants

ć, dź, ń, ś, ź	Palatalized consonants, similar to 'ch', 'j', 'ny', 'sh', 'zh' but softer.
cz	Pronounced like 'ch' in 'church'.
sz	Pronounced like 'sh' in 'shoe'.
rz	Pronounced like 'zh' in 'measure' (same as 'ż').
w	Pronounced like 'v' in 'van'.
ł	Pronounced like 'w' in 'water' for most Polish speakers.

Basic Grammar

Nouns and Genders

<p>Polish nouns have three genders: masculine, feminine, and neuter.</p> <p>Gender affects adjective and verb agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masculine: usually ends in a consonant. • Feminine: usually ends in -a. • Neuter: usually ends in -o, -e, -ę.
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Cases

<p>Polish has seven cases that indicate the function of a noun in a sentence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominative (Mianownik): Subject • Genitive (Dopełniacz): Possession, negation • Dative (Celownik): Indirect object • Accusative (Biernik): Direct object • Instrumental (Narzędnik): Means, accompaniment • Locative (Miejscownik): Location • Vocative (Wołacz): Direct address
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Verbs

być	To be
mieć	To have
mówić	To speak
robić	To do, to make
iść	To go
chcieć	To want

Verb Conjugation (Example: być - to be)

ja	jestem (I am)
ty	jesteś (you are)
on/ona/ono	jest (he/she/it is)
my	jesteśmy (we are)
wy	jesteście (you are)
oni/one	są (they are)

Essential Phrases

Greetings & Basic Expressions

Dzień dobry	Good morning/Good day
Dobry wieczór	Good evening
Cześć	Hi/Hello (informal)
Do widzenia	Goodbye
Proszę	Please/You're welcome
Dziękuję	Thank you
Przepraszam	Excuse me/Sorry
Jak się masz?	How are you? (informal)
Jak się Pan/Pani ma?	How are you? (formal)

Basic Questions

Jak masz na imię?	What's your name? (informal)
Jak się Pan/Pani nazywa?	What's your name? (formal)
Skąd jesteś?	Where are you from?
Gdzie jest...?	Where is...?
Ile to kosztuje?	How much does it cost?
Czy mówisz po angielsku?	Do you speak English?

Emergency Phrases

Pomocy!	Help!
Ogień!	Fire!
Policja!	Police!
Potrzebuję lekarza	I need a doctor
Zgubiłem się	I am lost (masculine)
Zgubiłam się	I am lost (feminine)

Common Vocabulary

Numbers

Jeden	One
Dwa	Two
Trzy	Three
Cztery	Four
Pięć	Five
Sześć	Six
Siedem	Seven
Osiem	Eight
Dziewięć	Nine
Dziesięć	Ten

Days of the Week

Poniedziałek	Monday
Wtorek	Tuesday
Środa	Wednesday
Czwartek	Thursday
Piątek	Friday
Sobota	Saturday
Niedziela	Sunday

Basic Nouns

Kobieta	Woman
Mężczyzna	Man
Dziecko	Child
Dom	House
Praca	Work
Czas	Time
Pieniądze	Money
Jedzenie	Food
Woda	Water