

# **Czech Language Basics Cheatsheet**

A quick reference guide to the fundamental aspects of the Czech language, designed to help beginners grasp essential grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation rules.



### **Pronunciation and Basic Phrases**

Czech uses a Latin alphabet with added diacritics

### Czech Alphabet & Pronunciation

# (accents) to represent unique sounds. áčéíóúý - vowels with acute accent (á = ah, é = eh, í = ee, ó = oh, ú/ý = oo) ěňšťž - consonants with háček (caron) (š = sh, č =

ch, ř = a unique sound)

Dě, tě, ně - Softened consonants.

**ů** - also represents /uː/ sound.

Czech is largely phonetic; most letters have consistent pronunciations.

The letter  $\varUpsilon$  is a unique sound, similar to a voiced fricative trill.

# **Basic Greetings**

Ahoj!	Hi! (Informal)
Dobrý den!	Good day! (Formal)
Dobré ráno!	Good morning!
Dobrý večer!	Good evening!
Na shledanou!	Goodbye!

### **Essential Phrases**

Prosim.	Please / You're welcome
Děkuji.	Thank you.
Promiňte.	Excuse me.
Jak se máš? (Informal) / Jak se máte? (Formal)	How are you?
Mám se dobře.	I'm fine.
Ano.	Yes.
Ne.	No.

### **Basic Grammar**

### Nouns and Genders

Czech nouns have three genders: masculine, feminine, and neuter. This affects adjective and verb agreement.

- Masculine (Mužský rod)
- Feminine (Ženský rod)
- Neuter (Střední rod)

Nouns change their endings depending on their grammatical case (nominative, genitive, dative, accusative, vocative, locative, instrumental).

### **Pronouns**

já	I
ty	You (Informal)
on	Не
ona	She
ono	It
my	We
vy	You (Plural/Formal)
oni/ony	They (Masculine/Feminine or Neuter)

# Verb Conjugation (Present Tense - 'být' - to be)

l am
You are (Informal)
He/She/It is
We are
You are (Plural/Formal)
They are

# **Useful Vocabulary**

### Basic Nouns

muž	man
žena	woman
dítě	child
voda	water
dům	house
auto	car
kniha	book
město	city

# Common Adjectives

dobrý	good
špatný	bad
velký	big
malý	small
nový	new
starý	old
hezký	pretty

### Useful Verbs

být	to be
mít	to have
dělat	to do/make
mluvit	to speak
vědět	to know
chtít	to want
jist	to eat

# **More Phrases**

# **Asking Questions**

Kde je?	Where is?
Co je to?	What is that?
Kolik to stojí?	How much does it cost?
Mluvíte anglicky?	Do you speak English?
Jak se řekne česky?	How do you say in Czech?

# Days of the Week

Pondělí	Monday
Úterý	Tuesday
Středa	Wednesday
Čtvrtek	Thursday
Pátek	Friday
Sobota	Saturday
Neděle	Sunday

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# Numbers (1-10)

Jeden	One
Dva	Two
Tři	Three
Čtyři	Four
Pět	Five
Šest	Six
Sedm	Seven
Osm	Eight
Devět	Nine
Deset	Ten

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