

SCENE 12 • GRAMMAR

Chci čaj

Wanting and polite orders

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The café

Czech

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Conditional: The courtesy expression **dal bych si / dala bych si** is learnt as a useful chunk.

Infinitive: The dictionary verb form, often ending in **-t: dělat, mluvit.**

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The full present of **chtít** is **chci, chceš, chce, chceme, chcete, chtějí**. Add an infinitive for an action: **chci spát**. For a drink or food, use an accusative object: **chci kávu**.

The courtesy chunks **dal bych si** for a man and **dala bych si** for a woman mean I would like. Learn them whole now; you do not need the full conditional system. Numbers eleven to twenty: **jedenáct, dvanáct, třináct, čtrnáct, patnáct, šestnáct, sedmnáct, osmnáct, devatenáct, dvacet**.

Czech	Meaning
Já chci čaj.	I want tea.
Vy chcete snídani?	Do you want breakfast? (polite)
Chci kávu.	I want coffee.
Dal bych si čaj, prosím.	I would like tea, please.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

1 Já chci čaj.

Meaning: I want tea.

2 Vy chcete snídani?

Meaning: Do you want breakfast? (polite)

3 Chci kávu.

Meaning: I want coffee.

4 Dala bych si čaj, prosím.

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Já _____ čaj.

- ☐ A chci
- ☐ B chceš
- ☐ C chtějí

Meaning: I want tea.

2 Vy _____ snídani?

- ☐ A chceme
- ☐ B chci
- ☐ C chcete

Meaning: Do you want breakfast? (polite)

3 Chci _____.

- ☐ A káva
- ☐ B kávy
- ☐ C kávu

Meaning: I want coffee.

4 _____ čaj, prosím.

- ☐ A Dali by si
- ☐ B Daly by si
- ☐ C Dala bych si

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

chci chceš

Já _____ čaj.

Meaning: I want tea.

chcete chci

Vy _____ snídani?

Meaning: Do you want breakfast? (polite)

kávu káva

Chci _____.

Meaning: I want coffee.

Dala bych si Dali by si

_____ čaj, prosím.

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

- 1 Já chci čaj.

Meaning: I want tea.

- 2 snídani? Vy chcete

Meaning: Do you want breakfast? (polite)

- 3 Já chci kávu.

Meaning: I want coffee.

- 4 Dala čaj, si prosím. bych

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 I want tea. You say:

- ☐ A Já chci čaj.
- ☐ B Já chceš čaj.

2 Do you want breakfast? (polite) You say:

- ☐ A Vy chci snídani?
- ☐ B Vy chcete snídani?

3 I want coffee. You say:

- ☐ A Chci káva.
- ☐ B Chci kávu.

4 I would like tea, please. You say:

- ☐ A Dala bych si čaj, prosím.
- ☐ B Dali by si čaj, prosím.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ① Dala bych si čaj,
prosím. | Ⓐ I would like tea, please. |
| ② Já chci čaj. | Ⓑ Do you want breakfast? (polite) |
| ③ Vy chcete snídani? | Ⓒ I want coffee. |
| ④ Chci kávu. | Ⓓ I want tea. |