

Czech in everyday situations

Module 3: The café

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The café

Czech

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Mám a čísla

The full present of **mít** is **mám, máš, má, máme, máte, mají**.

Negation adds **ne-**: **nemám, nemáš, nemá, nemáme, nemáte, nemají**.

Numbers zero to ten are **nula, jedna, dva, tři, čtyři, pět, šest, sedm, osm, devět, deset**. Say phone numbers digit by digit. For one use **jeden klíč, jedna lampa, jedno okno**; two is **dva klíče** but **dvě lampy, dvě okna**.

Czech	Meaning
Já mám klíč.	I have a key.
Ty máš telefon.	You have a phone. (familiar)
My nemáme klíč.	We do not have a key.
Mám dvě lampy.	I have two lamps.

Chci čaj

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.**

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.

Kolik stojí?

Tens are **dvacet, třicet, čtyřicet, padesát, šedesát, sedmdesát, osmdesát, devadesát;** one hundred is **sto.** Combine them simply: **čtyřicet pět.**

Czech money is **koruna.** Say **jedna koruna, dvě/tři/čtyři koruny, pět korun.** Larger prices need **sto, dvě stě, tři sta, čtyři sta, pět set** and **tisíc.** These useful forms are introduced here because Czech prices are often whole crowns. Ask **Kolik stojí káva? Kolik stojí vejce?**

Czech	Meaning
Káva stojí čtyřicet pět korun.	Coffee costs forty-five crowns.
To stojí dvě koruny.	That costs two crowns.
To stojí jednu korunu.	That costs one crown.
Kolik stojí čaj?	How much does tea cost?

Dvě jablka, pět jablek

After two, three and four, use common counting plurals: **dvě jablka, tři rohlíky, čtyři lampy**. After five and higher, nouns take genitive plural: **pět jablek, šest rohlíků, deset lamp**. Masculine people have additional forms, which you can learn as needed.

Quantities also use genitive: **kilo jablek, litr mléka, hodně ryb**. **Jablko/jablek, vejce/vajec** and **ryba/ryb** are useful examples; genitive plurals have several patterns, so learn each noun's quantity form rather than one universal ending.

Czech	Meaning
Mám dvě jablka.	I have two apples.
Chci šest vajec.	I want six eggs.
Mourek jí hodně ryb.	Mourek eats a lot of fish.
Chci litr mléka.	I want a litre of milk.

S mlékem, bez cukru

Instrumental: A form for means and after **s** for accompaniment.

The preposition **s** means with and takes instrumental: **s mlékem, se sýrem, s máslem**. Use **se** when it makes pronunciation easier. Common singular patterns include masculine/neuter **-em** and feminine **-ou**: **s Janem, s mlékem, s Petrou**.

The preposition **bez** takes genitive: **bez cukru, bez mléka, bez kávy**. A genitive form can be **-u/-a** for masculine, **-a** for neuter and **-y/-e** for feminine. Learn noun examples together with the preposition.

Czech	Meaning
Čaj je s mlékem.	The tea is with milk.
Chci čaj bez cukru.	I want tea without sugar.
Chleba je se sýrem.	The bread is with cheese.
Jdu s Petrou.	I am going with Petra.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Dal bych si čaj, prosím.

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

- 2 Dala bych si čaj, prosím.

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

3 Já mám klíč.

Meaning: I have a key.

4 Já chci čaj.

Meaning: I want tea.

5 Káva stojí čtyřicet pět korun.

Meaning: Coffee costs forty-five crowns.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Lukas: _____ čaj, prosím.

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

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

2 Lena: _____ čaj, prosím.

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

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

3 Já _____ klíč.

- ☐ A mám
- ☐ B mají
- ☐ C máš

Meaning: I have a key.

4 Já _____ čaj.

- ☐ A chtějí
- ☐ B chci
- ☐ C chceš

Meaning: I want tea.

5 Káva stojí čtyřicet pět _____.

- ☐ A koruny
- ☐ B korun
- ☐ C koruna

Meaning: Coffee costs forty-five crowns.

6 Mám dvě _____.

- ☐ A jablka
- ☐ B jablek
- ☐ C jablko

Meaning: I have two apples.

7 Čaj je s _____.

- ☐ A mléka
- ☐ B mlékem
- ☐ C mléko

Meaning: The tea is with milk.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Dali by si Dal bych si

Lukas: _____ čaj, prosím.

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

Dali by si Dala bych si

Lena: _____ čaj, prosím.

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

máš mám

Já _____ klíč.

Meaning: I have a key.

chceš chci

Já _____ čaj.

Meaning: I want tea.

koruna korun

Káva stojí čtyřicet pět _____.

Meaning: Coffee costs forty-five crowns.

jablek jablka

Mám dvě _____.

Meaning: I have two apples.

mléko mlékem

Čaj je s _____.

Meaning: The tea is with milk.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 prosím. Dal čaj, si bych

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

2 si prosím. bych čaj, Dala

Meaning: I would like tea, please.

3 klíč. Já mám

Meaning: I have a key.

4 Já chci čaj.

Meaning: I want tea.

5 Káva čtyřicet korun. stojí pět

Meaning: Coffee costs forty-five crowns.

6 jablka. dvě Mám

Meaning: I have two apples.

7 Čaj s mlékem. je

Meaning: The tea is with milk.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 **Lukas: I would like tea, please. You say:**

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

2 **Lena: I would like tea, please. You say:**

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

3 **I have a key. You say:**

- ☐ A Já mám klíč.
- ☐ B Já máš klíč.

4 I want tea. You say:

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

5 Coffee costs forty-five crowns. You say:

- ☐ A Káva stojí čtyřicet pět koruna.
- ☐ B Káva stojí čtyřicet pět korun.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|---|
| ☐ 1 Já mám klíč. | ☐ A Coffee costs forty-five crowns. |
| ☐ 2 Čaj je s mlékem. | ☐ B I have a key. |
| ☐ 3 Já chci čaj. | ☐ C I want tea. |
| ☐ 4 Dala bych si čaj,
prosím. | ☐ D I have two apples. |
| ☐ 5 Káva stojí čtyřicet
pět korun. | ☐ E I would like tea, please. |

6 Mám dvě jablka.

F The tea is with milk.