

LESSON NOTES

Learn Czech in Three Minutes #1 Self Introductions

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VOCABULARY

Czech	English	Class
ahoj	Hi, bye	interjection, expression
ráda	nice, glad (female speech)	adjective, adverb
rád	glad	adjective
poznávat	get to know, to explore, become aware, to recognize, to meet	reflexive verb, verb
být	to be	imperfective verb
Dobry den	Good day	expression
ty	you (informal)	pronoun
Vy	you (formal)	pronoun, personal pronoun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>Ráda jsem Vás / tě poznala. "I'm happy to have met you."</p>	<p>Rád jsem si s Vámi / s tebou dal oběd. "It was nice to have lunch together."</p>
<p>Poznávám tu nové lidi. "I'm getting to know new people here."</p>	<p>Někdy bych chtěl být tebou. "Sometimes I'd like to be you."</p>
<p>Jsem nerozhodný. "I'm indecisive."</p>	<p>Musím být v práci v osm hodin. "I need to be at work at eight o'clock."</p>
<p>Chci být doma. "I want to be at home."</p>	<p>Být muž. "To be a man."</p>

<p>Ty jsi teď doma? "Are you home now?"</p>	<p>Dovol mi představit mého kamaráda. "Let me introduce you my friend."</p>
<p>A jak Vy, pane Jůna? "And how about you, Mr. Juna?"</p>	<p>Žena se na vás usmívá. The woman is smiling at you.</p>
<p>Jmenuji se Adam, a Vy? "My name is Adam and yours?"</p>	

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is how to introduce yourself in Czech

Topic 1: How to introduce yourself in Czech

Sentence from the lesson:

Ahoj, já jsem... Ráda tě poznávám.
"Hi, I'm... Nice to meet you."

In this lesson, you learned how to introduce yourself in Czech. Keep in mind that in Czech there are two kinds of speech: formal and informal.

Informal self introduction - **Female** speaker: *Ahoj, já jsem. **Ráda** tě poznávám.* - "Hi, I'm . Nice to meet you."

Informal self introduction - **Male** speaker: *Ahoj, já jsem. **Rád** tě poznávám.* - "Hi, I'm . Nice to meet you."

Formal self introduction - **Female** speaker: *Dobrý den, já jsem. **Ráda** vás poznávám.* - "Good day, I'm . Nice to meet you."

Formal self introduction - **Male** speaker: *Dobrý den, já jsem. **Rád** vás poznávám.* - "Good day, I'm . Nice to meet you."

Let's see the difference between the informal and the formal versions:

- *Ahoj* - "Hi", has been substituted with the formal greeting *Dobrý den* - "good day"
- *Já jsem* - "I am", has not been changed.
- During the formal self introduction the full name is given (instead of just the first name)
- Finally, **TEĚ** *poznávám* (informal) changed to **VÁS** *poznávám* (formal). What changes is the Czech word for "you" in the accusative case.

Language Tip

In the Czech Republic, while introducing yourself it's a good habit to shake hands. And if you want to simplify your introduction you can do so by saying: *Těší mě* - "I am pleased to meet you".