

Czech is a member of the Western Branch of the Slavonic Family. It's closest family member is Slovak, the two of which share enough features to make them mutually intelligible. Czech is spoken by approximately 9.5 million people in the Czech republic, 60 thousand in Slovakia, as well as numerous speakers in the surrounding area and in North America. There are three main dialects of Czech corresponding to the provinces of Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia.

Presented here is a nineteen year old native Czech male from Litvinov, Bohemia.

Czech Consonant Phonemes:

Plosives:	p	t	c	k	(ʔ)
	b	d	ɟ	g	
Fricatives:	f	s	ʃ	x	
	v	z	ʒ		ɦ
Affricates:		ts	tʃ		
		(dʒ)			
Nasals:	m	n	ɲ	(ŋ)	
Liquids:		l			
		ɾ			
		ɾ̃ (r̃)			

Plosives are unaspirated, but are released word finally. Voiced word final segments are devoiced. /t/ and /d/ are dental. The speaker seems to have a lateral release on some alveolar fricatives and affricates, although apparently, this is not a characteristic of the language. It is marked where it appears by an accent, ex. [s̃].

Czech Vowel Phonemes:

i(:)	u
ɪ	
(e(:))	ə
ɛ(:)	ɔ:
a(:)	ɑ(:)

Czech seems to be undergoing a change in it's vowel system and long/short distinctions are moving toward a tense/lax distinction, or possibly to new diphthongs. There is only one native Czech diphthong, /ow/.

I. Spontaneous Speech

II. Vowelless Sentence

[stɾtʃ pɾst skɾs kɾk] 'Push your finger through your neck.' *Strc prst skrz krk.*

III. Word ListsConsonants:

1.	[p]		[padat]	'to fall'
2.			[howpat]	'to rock or to swing'
3.			[xlup]	'hair'
4.	[b]		[ba:dat]	'to do research'
5.			[howba]	'mushroom, sponge'
6.			[dup]	'oak'
7.	[t]		[ta:t]	'to thaw'
8.			[fa:tek]	'scarf'
9.			[vjejet]	'to know'
10.	[d]		[dohoda]	'agreement'
11.		<i>hrad</i>	[hrat]	'castle'
12.	[c]		[celo]	'body'
13.			[vi:cestvi:]	'victory'
14.			[si:c]	'net'
15.	[j]		[jejɪt]	'to inherit'
16.		<i>loď</i>	[lɔc]	'ship'
17.	[k]		[kino]	'cinema'
18.			[jaksi]	'rather'
19.			[pta:k]	'bird'
20.	[g]		[gde]	'where'
21.			[doga]	'type of dog'
22.	[ts]		[tsa:kat]	'to splash'
23.			[fuŋktso]	'office'
24.			[vjedetś]	'scientist'
25.	[dz]		[podzim]	'Fall, Autumn'
26.	[tʃ]		[tʃix]	'smell'
27.			[obtʃerstvejni:]	'refreshment'
28.			[kola:tʃ]	'cake'
29.	[dʒ]		[dʒba:n]	'jug'
30.			[ledʒba]	'treatment'
31.	[f]		[fe:n]	'hairdryer'
32.			[fofer]	'driver'
33.			[kolektɪf]	'group'
34.	[v]		[vana]	'bath'
35.			[tvar]	'shape'
36.	[s]		[šprošti:]	'rude'
37.			[fkuś]	'taste'
38.	[z]		[zebra]	'zebra'
39.			[ni:žko]	'low'
40.		<i>zákaz</i>	[ža:kas]	'to ban'
41.	[ʃ]		[fuŋka]	'ham'
42.			[šprošťi:]	'to swear'
43.			[veʃ]	'louse'
44.	[ʒ]		[zebra]	'ribs'

45.			[ʒla:za]	'gland'
46.		věž	[vjeʃ]	'tower'
47.	[x]		[xata]	'hut'
48.			[nɛxat]	'to leave'
49.			[štrax]	'fear'
50.	[ɦ]		[ɦiat]	'snake'
51.			[prafia]	'Prague'
52.		vrah	[vrax]	'murderer'
53.	[m]		[mimoxodem]	'by the way'
54.	[n]		[novine]	'newspaper'
55.			[obtʃan]	'citizen'
56.			[vi:borni:]	'excellent' (adjective)
57.	[ɲ]		[ɲi:zko]	'low'
58.			[utʃɛɲ]	'apprentice'
59.			[vi:bornɛ]	'excellent' (adverb)
60.	[ŋ]		[novɪŋka]	'novelty'
61.			[panɛŋka]	'doll'
62.	[l]		[les]	'wood, forest'
63.			[mɪs]	'mind'
64.			[mɪlovat]	'love'
65.	[r]		[pɪrvni]	'first'
66.			[sever]	'north'
67.			[rox]	'corner'
68.			[pra:t]	'to wash'
69.	[ř]		[rɛzat]	'to cut'
70.			[vɛpř]	'pig'
71.			[pɛɛtkɪm]	'appetizer'
72.			[pɪra:t]	'to wish'
73.	[j]		[jak]	'how'
74.			[mu]	'my'
75.			[vejtsə]	'egg'

Vowels:

1.	[ɪ]	[ɪnzɛrat]	'advertisement'	
2.		[zɪma]	'Winter'	
3.		[rɛbe]	'fish'	expected [rɪbɪ]
4.	[i:]	[mɪli:]	'nice'	
5.		[bi:li:]	'white'	
6.		[ji:lɔ]	'work'	
7.		[rɪbi:]	'to fish'	
8.	[ɛ]	[ɛkɔnomje]	'economy'	
9.		[ɛrp]	'coat of arms'	
10.		[kaʃɛ]	'paste'	
11.		[lɛf]	'lion'	
12.	[ɛ:]	[lajk]	'medicine'	expected [lɛ:k]
13.		[pɛ:ro]	'pen'	
14.		[ɛ:ra]	'era, age'	
15.	[a]/[ɑ]	[aho:]	'Hello'	

16.		[mapa]	'map'
17.		[dal]	'gave'
18.	[a:]/[a:]	[da:l]	'further'
19.		[ba:ba]	'old woman, hag'
20.		[dovolena:]	'holoday'
21.	[u]	[ʔuxo]	'ear'
22.		[ruka]	'hand'
23.		[komu]	'for whom'
24.	[u:]	[ʔu:l]	'beehive'
25.		[du:l]	'mine'
26.		[dɔlu:]	'downstairs'
27.	[o]	[ʔoko]	'eye'
28.		[ʔɔtop]	'heating'
29.		[kɔlo]	'bike'
30.	[ɔ:]	[balɔ:n]	'balloon'
31.		[ʔɔ:da]	'ode'
32.	[ow]	[mowka]	'flower'
33.		[šow]	'dry'
34.		[kowpit]	'to buy'

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