

10 Tips for Studying Czech Effectively



1. **Just 5 minutes every day makes a difference!**
2. **Make the most of your time** on the tram, bus, or subway, or while waiting at the doctor's office, etc. What can you do? For example, learn new words.
3. **How to learn new words easily, quickly, and fun**
 - ❖ Download an app to your phone or computer – I recommend [Quizlet](#), for example. Use it to write down new words after each lesson. When you have a few minutes (5 minutes), review them.
 - ❖ Cut the paper into small pieces (about 3 x 3 cm) and put them in an envelope. On one side, write a Czech word (along with its gender, case, any necessary prepositions, and a phrase in which it appears...), and on the other side, write the translation into your language. Write down new words after each lesson. When you have a few minutes to spare (5 minutes), review them.
4. **Speak, speak, speak!** Don't be afraid to speak Czech. Take advantage of every situation: at the store, at a restaurant, at the doctor's office... If Czechs want to speak to you in English or another language, say: *"Excuse me, can we speak Czech? I'm studying and need to practice my Czech."* Practice everything you've learned in class in real-life situations.
5. **Speak Czech with your family, friends, and coworkers.** Ask Czechs to speak Czech with you.
6. **Read.** Store signs, flyers, advertisements. [News articles](#) online, [Metro](#) daily (available for free every day on the subway), [news](#) on the internet, and [adapted books for international students](#). Read anything.
7. Join my students' group on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#). You'll find videos, pictures, and other materials there.
8. **What to do if you don't understand?** Ask the Czechs to speak slowly and to repeat what they said. Tell them you're a foreigner and you're learning Czech. Tell them you don't understand. Ask how to spell it. If you don't know a Czech word, ask how to say it. [Download some practical phrases for asking for help](#), and keep them handy on your phone, in your planner...
9. **Write down any situation you don't understand.** Ask the teacher during class what it means. Bring up any topic that interests you or that you need help with (e.g., you received a letter and don't understand it; you need to write an e-mail in Czech; you saw a sign and don't understand what it means; you heard a word and don't understand it; you don't understand how Czechs behave in certain situations...).
10. **Use the internet.** There are lots of websites, programs, and apps for studying. [You can start here](#), for example. If you're not sure what to choose, ask me or your teacher.