

Czech Pronunciation Guide

Czech has two accents which HTML cannot accommodate: when a letter is followed by a ^ (for example c^) it means there is an upside-down caret on top of the letter (č), and u* means a u with a small circle above it.

VOWELS

a: as in **cut**.

á: as in **father**.

e: as in **met**.

é: as in **bad**.

e^:

be^, pe^, ve^: bje, pje, vje

me^: mn^e

de^, te^, ne^: d^e, t^e, n^e

i: as in **bit**.

í: as in **see**.

i and í soften the preceding d^, t^ or n^.

o: as in **hot**.

ó: as in **short**.

u: as in **book**.

ú: as in **moon**.

u* (a u with a circle on it): as in **moon**.

y: as in **bit**.

ý: as in **see**.

CONSONANTS

c: as in **bats**.

c^: as in **church**.

d': as in **duty**.

g: as in **good**.

h: as in **half**.

ch: as in Scottish **loch**.

j: as in **yes**.

n^: as in **canyon**.

r: a rolled r (rolled in the front of the mouth).

r^: close to **rzh**.

s: as in **set**.

s^: as in **short**.

t^: similar to **tulip**.

w: as in **van**.

z: as in **zebra**.

z^: as in **pleasure**.