

1.1 - What does this mean? How do you say?



You've just started with Czech and you're going to understandably get into a number of situations where you will want to know how to say something or don't know what something means. Two phrases will come in handy:

Jak se řekne _____?

'How do you say *bathroom, I'm hungry, castle, bus ticket...*' There are going to be numerous occasions when you want to ask this question.



Jak se řekne „car“?
How do you say “car”?

You can add in the word *česky* which means 'in Czech':

Jak se řekne česky „car“?
How do you say “car”?

Someone will answer:

Řekne se to „auto“.

Řekne se to česky „auto“.

Or simply:

Česky je to „auto“.
In Czech it's „auto“.

Co znamená _____?

If you run into some Czech words and you don't know what they mean in English, you can ask what they mean using the phrase *Co znamená _____?* - What does _____ mean?'



Co znamená „ryba“?
What does “ryba” mean?

Znamená to „fish“.
It means “fish”.

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