

2.8 - *Kde bydlíte? Kde žijete?* - Talking about Where You Live and the Locative Case

In this lesson we will learn how to answer the question *Kde bydlíte? Kde žijete?* - Where do you live? This question uses the words *kde* - where and *bydlet* - 'to live, reside' or *žít* 'to live'¹. The verb *bydlet* is conjugated as follows:

bydlet 'to live, reside'

(já)	bydlím 'I live, am living'	(my)	bydlíme we live, are living'
(ty)	bydlíš 'you live, are living'	(vy)	bydlíte 'you live, are living'
(on/ona/ono)	bydlí 'he/she lives, is living'	(oni/ony/ona)	bydlí 'they live, are living'

žít; stem = *žij-* 'to live'

(já)	žiju 'I live'	(my)	žijeme 'we live'
(ty)	žiješ 'you live'	(vy)	žijete 'you all live' 'you (formal) live'
(on/ona/ono)	žije 'he/she/it lives'	(oni/ony/ona)	žijou 'they live'

Now, when we want to say where we live, we have to use words meaning *at*, *in*, etc. We'll need the words *v* 'in, at' and *na* 'on, at'. Most of the time we will be using *v* 'in, at', but *na* 'on, at' comes up frequently too.

¹ both *bydlet* 'to live, reside', *žít* 'to live' can also be used to talk about where you live, though *žít* can also be used to talk about living your life or even how you are doing, i.e. *Jak žiješ?* 'How are you doing (lit. living)?'

After the forms *v* and *na*, we'll need forms of the so-called Locative case. While there will be some brief rules below, we will wait until later ([4.1 - Review of Locative forms for Places](#), [8.3 - Locative singular](#) and [8.3 - Prepositions *v* and *na*](#)) to get the entire picture. Instead you will get a brief version so that we can talk about where we live and people that we know live through a few memorized phrases/forms. Don't worry too much about memorizing all the endings now. This is more for us to be able to understand why the forms are changing and be aware that these forms exist.

Bydlím v Austinu.

I live in Austin.

Bedřich bydlí v bytě.

Bedřich lives in an apartment.

Tomáš žije v Brně.

Tomáš lives in Brno.

Lucie bydlí na koleji.

Lucie lives in a dorm.

Here are the endings:

(**Note** - a map of the Czech Republic has been included below in case you are unfamiliar with some of the Czech cities).

	MA	MI	F	N
Hard stem	We won't worry about masculine animate forms right now, since they won't be relevant for locations we might live at.	-u (most common) -e/ě	-e/ě	-u -e/ě
		Austin - v Austinu Texas - v Texasu Londýn - v Londýně	Praha - v Praze Ostrava - v Ostravě Arizona - v Arizoně If the ending is -e/ě, the following consonant shifts take place: $k \rightarrow c$	Mexiko - v Mexiku Brno - v Brně

			$h \rightarrow z$ (<i>v Praze</i>) $ch \rightarrow š$	
Soft stem		-i	Liberec - v Liber ci	
		-i	Francie (France) - ve Francii Itálie (Italy) - v Itálii Olomouc - v Olomouci Plzeň - v Plzni (fleeting -e-)	very few cities end in -e (neuter places like letiště, pole), so no good example for where you live
				-í Ústí nad Labem - v Ústí nad Labem



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