10.1 - Review of *jezdit* and *jet* ‘to go (by vehicle)’

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A reminder about the uses of *jezdit* vs. *jet*:

| indeterminate (*jezdit*) | determinate (*jet*) |
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| * habitual acts of going - use the verb *jezdit* when you are describing **frequent or habitual trips**.     *Často* ***jezdíme*** *na dovolenou do Alp.*  ‘We often go on vacation to the Alps.’  *Když jsem byla mladší,* ***jezdili jsme*** *každý rok do Chorvatska.*  ‘When I was younger, we used to go every year to Croatia.’  *Až dokončím studium,* ***budu jezdit*** *každý rok někam do zahraničí na dovolenou.*  Once I graduate, I will go somewhere abroad every year for vacation. | * single trip - use the verb *jet* when you are describing a **single trip from point A to point B**.     *Dneska* ***jedou*** *Pavel a Sára na dovolenou.*  Today Pavel and Sára are going on vacation.  *Loni jsme* ***jeli*** *na dovolenou do Itálie*.  Last year we went on vacation to Italy.  *Příští rok* ***pojedeme*** *na dovolenou do Turecka.*  ‘Next year we’ll go on vacation to Turkey.’ |

So what does this mean in practical terms with regard to talking about travel? Well, let’s look at the first row, where the difference is between **regular going** vs. a **single trip**. We’ll notice that one of our questions we answer is with *jezdit* - *Obvykle jezdíte někam na prázdniny nebo dovolenou?* and that the answers to this question all use this form.

On the other hand, if a friend is asking you where you are going on vacation next week/month/whenever, then you would use the verb *jet* since it refers to a single trip.

The same principles apply to the past tense and future tense. Look at the examples above to see how they are being used to express frequent going vs. a single trip.

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