3.3 - Adjectives Used with Food

This is not really so much a grammar lesson as just some more detailed notes on some of the adjectives presented in this chapter. You are responsible for knowing this information, so please read through the descriptions below to learn more about how these are used:

| **Czech Word** | **Meaning** | **Examples and Explanation** |
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| ***hovězí*** | made out of beef | This adjective is frequently used either to refer directly to the type of meat and is often combined with the word *maso* ‘meat’.    ***hovězí*** *maso*  Or it can describe the type of meat used in certain dishes, such as *guláš*:    ***hovězí*** *guláš* |
| ***kuřecí*** | made out of chicken | Like above, this adjective is frequently used either to refer directly to the type of meat and is often combined with the word *maso* ‘meat’.    ***kuřecí*** *maso*  Or it can describe the type of meat used in certain dishes, such as *řízek* - schnitzel:    ***kuřecí*** *řízek* |
| ***vepřový*** | made out of pork | Like above, this adjective is frequently used either to refer directly to the type of meat and is often combined with the word *maso* ‘meat’.    ***vepřové*** *maso*  Or it can describe the type of meat used in certain dishes, such as *řízek* - schnitzel:    ***vepřové*** *koleno*  (pork knee – really a pork shank) |
| ***nakládaný*** | pickled, marinated | ***nakládané*** *okurky* (cucumbers cooked briefly in hot vinegar and spices, i.e. pickles)    ***nakládaný*** *hermelín*  (cheese marinated in oil with onions and other spices) |
| ***ovocný*** | fruit | ***ovocné*** *knedlíky* (dumplings stuffed with various types of fruit) |
| ***čerstvý*** | fresh | ***čerstvý*** *chléb (chleba)* |
| ***mražený*** | frozen | ***mražený*** *špenát* (a convenient food in many places) |
| ***pečený*** | baked | ***pečené*** *kuře* |
| ***smažený*** | fried | ***smažený*** *sýr* (the answer to everything] |
| ***dušený*** | braised/stewed | ***dušené*** *zelí* (stewed cabbage is a frequent side for Czech dishes) here served with *vepřové maso* a *houskové knedlíky*    ***dušená*** *rýže* (since it’s cooked in a pot with water, the rice is considered stewed; note in English we say steamed rice) |
| ***vařený*** | boiled | Pstruh a ***vařené*** *brambory* (these are frequent side on Czech plates) |
| ***grilovaný*** | grilled | ***grilované*** *kuře* |
| ***horký*** | hot | ***horký*** *čaj* |
| ***studený*** | cold | ***studená*** *voda* |
| ***teplý*** | warm | ***teplé*** *jídlo* (we talk about getting a hot meal, they talk about getting warm food) |
| ***světlý*** | pale (color) e.g. světlé pivo | ***světlé*** *pivo* (the most traditional Czech beers are pale lagers – světlé ležáky) |
| ***tmavý*** | dark (color) e.g. tmavé pivo | ***tmavé*** *pivo* (also *černé pivo* - these are also common and slightly sweeter than dark beers elsewhere.) |
| ***lehký*** | light | ***lehké*** *jídlo* (*šopský* *salát* - salads find a place on most menus, though Czech food is hardly light fare) |
| ***těžký*** | heavy (also means difficult) | ***těžké*** *jídlo* (*smažený* *sýr* – Czech is known for heavy dishes. This is a popular street food – fried cheese and tartar sauce in a bun) |
| ***hořký*** | bitter | ***hořké*** *jídlo* - *hořká* *čokoláda*; *káva* is also a good example of a bitter thing we frequently consume |
| ***kyselý*** | sour | *nakládané okurky jsou* ***kyselé***    *citrón je taky* ***kyselý*** |
| ***sladký*** | sweet | *koláče jsou* ***sladké*** |
| ***slaný*** | salty | *brambůrky jsou* ***slané*** |
| ***ostrý/pálivý/pikantní*** | spicy (also means sharp) | *chilli papriky jsou* ***ostré*** */* ***pálivé*** */* ***pikantní*** (Czech food is rather mild and most foods are not spicy) |
| ***drahý*** | expensive | *to je* ***drahé*** *jídlo a* ***drahá*** *restaurace* |
| ***levný*** | cheap | *rohlíky jsou velmi* ***levné*** *jídlo* |

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