

9.1 - Ordinal Numbers (1st - 31st)

We learned ordinal numbers in [7.2 - Ordinal Numbers \(1st-12th\)](#) in order to use conversational clock time. Now we're going to need them again to tell dates.

The table below lists ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc. -- i.e. the numbers used to tell what order something comes in). These ordinal numbers are important now because we are going to learn how to state the date. Therefore, the table below gives 1st - 31st.

As you can see from this table, many of the ordinal numbers look very much like their cardinal counterparts. You really can just memorize them, however here are a few things that might help you:

- For many of them, all you have to do is add -ý.
- For the numbers *pět, devět, deset, dvacet, třicet*, you just have to change -et/ět → -átý, *pět* → *pátý*, *dvacet* → *dvacátý*, etc.
- Note that with numbers such as 21st, 22nd, etc., both numbers in Czech are ordinal, i.e. *dvacátý první*. Alternate forms also exist where the numbers are reversed (*jednadvacátý, dvaadvacátý*, etc.)
- **Ordinal numbers are adjectives** and thus take normal adjectives endings. Just by looking at these, you can tell that most of them are hard stem adjectives (end in -ý), while *první* and *třetí* are soft stem.

první	1st
druhý	2nd
třetí	3rd
čtvrtý	4th
pátý	5th
šestý	6th
sedmý	7th
osmý	8th
devátý	9th
desátý	10th
jedenáctý	11th
dvanáctý	12th
třináctý	13th
čtrnáctý	14th
patnáctý	15th
šestnáctý	16th
sedmnáctý	17th

osmnáctý	18th
devatenáctý	19th
dvacátý	20th
dvacátý první (jednadvacátý)	21st
dvacátý druhý (dvaadvacátý)	22nd
dvacátý třetí (třiadvacátý)	23rd
dvacátý čtvrtý (čtyřadvacátý)	24th
dvacátý pátý (pěadvacátý)	25th
dvacátý šestý (šestadvacátý)	26th
dvacátý sedmý (sedmadvacátý)	27th
dvacátý osmý (osmadvacátý)	28th
dvacátý devátý (devěadvacátý)	29th
třicátý	30th
třicátý první (jednatřicátý)	31st

In Czech, these are either written out in full (první, druhý, etc.) or they are marked by putting a period after the number, so *1. den* = *první den*, *2. den* = *druhý den*, etc.