

4.2 - *Stupně Celsia* - Degrees Celsius



Kolik je stupňů?

How many degrees is it?

This is a phrase you might hear in relation to the weather (of course!)...in this lesson we'll be learning how to state the temperature.

First, Czechs, like pretty much the rest of the world, use Celsius. You can of course convert – **$C = \frac{5}{9} (F-32)$**

However, this tends to be a pain and not something we can do on the fly. Here are some common temperatures. The Czech that is given beside it is just to help you orient with those phrases and as with most things regarding temperature, it's all relative and open to opinion.

Celsius	Fahrenheit
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38°C	~100°F	<i>Je vedro!</i>
32°C	~90°F	<i>Je horko!</i>
28°C	~82°F	<i>Je teplo.</i>
22°C	~72°F	<i>Je příjemně (pleasant).</i>
15°C	~60°F	<i>Je trochu chladno.</i>
10°C	~50°F	<i>Je chladno.</i>
5°C	~41°F	<i>Je zima!</i>
0°C	32°F	<i>Mrzne!</i>
-5°C ¹	23°F	<i>Mrzne!!</i>
-10°C	14°F	<i>Mrzne!!!</i>

The more important point of this lesson is to actually state the temperature. To do this, use the word *stupeň* 'degree'. Of course, you'll have to change the forms depending on the number....



¹ *mínus 5 nebo 5 pod nulou* (lit. 5 below zero)

Use the following chart:

jeden	stupeň	1 with singular form
dva, tři, čtyři	stupně	2-4 with nominative plural
pět +	stupňů	5+ with genitive plural

You can optionally combine it with the form *Celsia*, which means 'of Celsius' (the genitive case). So...

dvacet stupňů (Celsia)
twenty degrees (of) Celsius

čtyři stupně (Celsia)
four degrees Celsius

Stating the temperature – Only for the brave:



je jeden	stupeň Celsia	'It is one degree Celsius'
jsou dva, tři, čtyři	stupně Celsia	'It's 2-4 degrees Celsius'
je pět +	stupňů Celsia	'It's 5+ degree Celsius'

Use the verb *jsou* in stating the temperature if the number is 2-4, otherwise use the form *je*

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