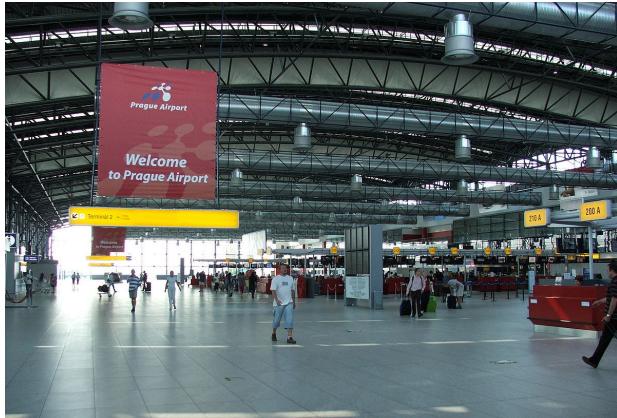


## 10.7 - flying - the verbs *létat* (coll. - *lítat*) and *letět*



In this lesson we are going to learn about two more verbs, ***létat*** 'to fly(indet.)' and ***letět*** 'to fly (det.)'. The verb ***létat*** (like the verb *chodit*, *jezdit*), is an **indeterminate verb of motion**. It has a colloquial variant *lítat*. The verb ***letět*** (like *jít*, *jet*) is a **determinate verb of motion**.

indeterminate	determinate	definition
<i>chodit</i>	<i>jít</i>	to go (by foot)
<i>jezdit</i>	<i>jet</i>	to go (by vehicle)
<b><i>létat (lítat)</i></b>	<b><i>letět</i></b>	<b>to fly</b>

indeterminate ( <i>létat</i> )	determinate ( <i>letět</i> )
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>habitual acts of going - use the verb <i>jezdit</i> when you are describing <b>frequent or habitual trips</b>.</li> </ul> <p>A            B</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>single trip - use the verb <i>jet</i> when you describing a <b>single trip from point A to point B</b>.</li> </ul> <p>A            B</p>

<p><i>Létám několikrát za rok.</i> I fly a few times a year.</p> <p><i>Hodně jsme létali, když jsem byla mladší.</i> We used to fly a lot when I was younger.</p> <p><i>Budu asi hodně létat kvůli práci.</i> I'm probably going to fly a lot because of work.</p>	<p><i>Kam letíte?</i> Where are you flying to?</p> <p><i>Minulý týden jsme letěli do Chorvatska na víkend.</i> Last weekend we flew to Croatia for the weekend.</p> <p><i>Za měsíc poletíme zpátky domů.</i> We'll fly back home in a month.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>goal-less motion</b></li> </ul>  <p><i>Ptáci létali nad námi.</i> Birds were flying above us.</p> <p><i>V pokoji létala moučka.</i> A fly was flying around the room.</p>	

Finally, létat and letět can be used colloquially to talk about hurrying and rapid movement, as in the examples here below:

<p>indeterminate (<i>létat</i>)</p>	<p>determinate (<i>letět</i>)</p>
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*Děti lítaly celý den po venku a v noci pak spaly jak zabité.*

The children were zooming around outside all day and at night they slept like logs (lit. like the dead).

*Promiň, ale už musím letět! Za 10 minut mi začíná hodina.*

Excuse me, but I have to hurry off! My class starts in ten minutes (lit. starts for me).

*Kam zase letíš? Vždyť ses ani nenajedl!*

Where are you rushing off to again? You haven't even had a bite to eat!

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