2.8 - *Spolubydlící*/Roommates - Nouns that Decline Like Adjectives

There are occasional nouns that take endings like adjectives in Czech. We won't run into a ton, but one is about to come up – *spolubydlící* 'roommate, apartment mate, house mate'. You can probably see the root *bydlet* 'to live' in there. The word *spolu* means 'together', so they are a *together-liver*, so to speak.

It has forms just like a soft adjective. Below I have given you charts for soft adjectives in the nominative and accusative cases. I have included the adjective *mladší* in the charts so you can compare and see how the forms are the same. Note that the Masculine Inanimate and Neuter columns have been grayed out, since they *likely* don't apply to your typical roommate </sarcasm>.

Nominative Singular Adjective Endings and *spolubydlící*

	Masculine Animate	**Masculine Inanimate**	**Feminine**	**Neuter**
Soft-stem Adjective	-í *mladší* *spolubydlící*	-í *mladší*	-í *mladší* *spolubydlící*	-í mladší

Since the forms are the same, you'll sometimes only be able to tell by an adjective or possessive pronoun with it.

> *Pavel je můj nový spolubydlící.*
> Pavel is my new roommate.
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> *Martina je dobrá spolubydlící.*
> Martina is a good roommate.

If you want to say *I have a roommate*, then you'll need the accusative case. Since it has forms like a soft adjective, you'll need the endings for accusative soft adjectives:

Accusative Singular Adjective Endings and *spolubydlící*

	Masculine Animate	Masculine Inanimate	Feminine	Neuter
Soft-stem Adjective	-ího *mladšího* *spolubydlícího*	-í mladší	-í *mladší* *spolubydlící*	-í mladší

Mám nového spolubydlícího.
I have a new roommate.

Bára má dobrou spolubydlící.
Bára has a good roommate.

Plural

You're in luck – in the plural, the forms will all be the same regardless of gender and will be the same for nominative and accusative. **Yay!**

Nominative and Accusative Plural Adjective Endings for *spolubydlící*:

	All Genders
Soft-stem Adjective	-í *mladší* *spolubydlící*

Of course, you can also modify *spolubydlící* in the plural, in which case the adjectives will indicate male (or mixed group) vs. only female:

To jsou moji noví spolubydlící.
Those are my new roommates (male or mixed group).

To jsou moje nové spolubydlící.
Those are my new roommates (female only).