

6.1 - *snažit se* - 'to try'

One verb we will encounter in several of the *Reality Czech* interview videos is *snažit se* - 'to try', and as you can see below, it's really good to use this when talking about the activities that you engage in:



*Jenom aerobik třeba. A **snažím se** běhat někdy, ale...*



*Nehraju žádnou hru, ale **snažím se** trochu pracovat na své fyzičce, to znamená, že **se snažím** udržovat v kondici.*



***Snažíme se** udělat¹ si každý den alespoň trochu volného času.*



***Snažím se** hrát na kytaru.*

The main things to remember:

1. *snažit se* is conjugated normally, just like [other -í- verbs](#).
2. it is followed by the **infinitive**.



*Obvykle **se snažím** cvičit jednou nebo dvakrát týdně.*



***Snažíme se** odpočívát každý den...a to někdy celý*



*Moje babička **se** na podzim **snaží** sbírat houby každý*

¹ *udělat* 'to do, make' is a form known as the perfective form, a verb related to *dělat* 'to do, make'. The difference is that *udělat* focuses more on completion (i.e. getting it one). Obviously that's a little abstract at this point and there's no need to worry about it for now. We will learn more about these forms later in unit 6, as well as units 7 and 8.

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Note on Trying – There are different verbs for *trying*, such as *ochutnat* ‘to try (food, drink)’ and more generic *zkusit* ‘to try’, which is typically what you’ll use when trying something out/on (clothing, a new game, a different technique, etc.).

Note on Reflexives – Just remember that while some reflexive verbs seem to make a lot of sense to us (as to why they are reflexives), others sometimes do not. *Snažit se* seems to be one of those verbs you just have to learn is reflexive and memorize it as such. Just remember to put *se* in 2nd position. This means that if you start a sentence with *já...* or *často...*, or continue a sentence using *protože...*, then *se* will be your next word. You can review reflexives in [2.5 - Reflexive se and si and 2nd position](#).

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