

Czech and Polish

This is a guide for you as a Czech or Polish speaker as you go through the Pronunciation Pro Course.

To get the most out of your membership, follow the Pronunciation Pro Course module by module and add any necessary bonus lessons.

Lessons that may be omitted from the 12-module course for Czech or Polish speakers include:

- Module 3: Initial, Medial, & Final /L/ & /N/
- However, please still review the Word Stress lesson from Module 3

COMMON ERRORS

Below you will find some common error sounds and patterns specifically for Czech or Polish speakers. These common errors can help you better understand your own speech patterns and areas to focus on as you improve your English pronunciation and fluency.

You might not have issues with all of these sounds. If you would like a more customized assessment of your speech, please contact us for a Full Accent Assessment from our certified American Trainers.

VOWELS

TARGET SOUNDS	COMMON ERROR	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/O/ (go)	Pronounced too short; may be confused with /o/ (hot) or with /u/ (cup)	Module 5
/ee/ (we)	Confused with /i/ (sit)	Module 6
/u/ (cup)	Confused with /o/ (hot)	Module 7
/a/ (hat)	Confused with /e/ (yes) or /u/ (cup)	Module 7
/ooh/ (put, book)	Confused with /oo/ (too)	Bonus Lesson - /oo/ & /ooh/
/oo/ (too)	May be confused with /ooh/ (put, book) by Polish speakers	Bonus Lesson - /oo/ & /ooh/

CONSONANTS

TARGET SOUNDS	COMMON ERROR	MODULE/BONUS LESSON
/b/, /d/, /g/, /v/, /z/, /dg/	May be pronounced /p/, /t/, /k/, /f/, /s/, /ch/, respectively, in final word position	Module 1 - Final Voiced Consonants



/th/ (think)	May be pronounced as /t/	Module 2 - Voiceless /th/
/TH/ (this)	May be pronounced as /d/	Module 2 - Voiced /TH/
/r/ (rare)	Tapped, or trilled/rolled	Module 4 - R, R-blends, R-vowels
“ing” (ring)	Pronounced with an extra /g/ or /k/ sound (“ing-g” or “ing-k”)	Bonus Lesson - “ing”
/w/ (wet)	Confused with /v/	Bonus Lessons - /w/, /v/ & /w/

STRESS, INTONATION, RHYTHM

In Czech and Polish, word stress is predictable and falls on the first syllable, so learning the stress patterns of English words can be challenging. **(Module 3 – Word Stress)**

