Essential Slovak Phrases for Everyday Situations

Greetings and introductions

Dobrý deň.
Pronunciation: DOH-bree dyehn
English: Hello. / Good morning. / Good afternoon.
This is a polite greeting you can use during the day.

Ahoj.
Pronunciation: AH-hoy
English: Hi. / Bye.
This is an informal greeting. You can use it with friends and people you know.

Dobrý večer.
Pronunciation: DOH-bree VEH-chehr
English: Good evening.

Volám sa Martina.
Pronunciation: voh-LAHM sah mar-TEE-nah
English: My name is Martina.
Use your own name instead of Martina.

Teší ma.
Pronunciation: TEH-shee mah
English: Pleased to meet you.

Polite words and useful phrases

Prosím.
Pronunciation: PROH-seem
English: Please. / You're welcome.
The meaning depends on the context. You can also use this word to politely get someone's attention.

Ďakujem.
Pronunciation: DYA-koo-yem
English: Thank you.

Prepáčte.
Pronunciation: PREH-paach-teh
English: Excuse me. / I'm sorry.
This is the polite form. With friends, you can say Prepáč.

Nerozumiem.
Pronunciation: neh-roh-ZOO-myem
English: I don't understand.

Hovoríte po anglicky?
Pronunciation: hoh-voh-REE-teh poh AHN-glits-kee
English: Do you speak English?

Ordering food and drinks

Jedálny lístok, prosím.
Pronunciation: YEH-dahl-nee LEES-tohk PROH-seem
English: The menu, please.

Dám si vodu, prosím.
Pronunciation: DAHM see VOH-doo PROH-seem
English: I'll have some water, please.

Kávu, prosím.
Pronunciation: KAH-voo PROH-seem
English: A coffee, please.

Účet, prosím.
Pronunciation: OO-cheht PROH-seem
English: The bill, please.

Asking for directions

Kde je toaleta?
Pronunciation: gdeh yeh toh-ah-LEH-tah
English: Where is the toilet?

Kde je železničná stanica?
Pronunciation: gdeh yeh ZHEH-lehz-neech-nah stah-NEE-tsah
English: Where is the railway station?

Kde je najbližšia zastávka?
Pronunciation: gdeh yeh NIGH-bleezh-shyah ZAH-stahv-kah
English: Where is the nearest stop?

Môžete mi pomôcť?
Pronunciation: MOH-zheh-teh mee POH-mohhtsht
English: Can you help me?

Shopping and paying

Koľko to stojí?
Pronunciation: KOL-koh toh STOH-yee
English: How much is it?

Môžem platiť kartou?
Pronunciation: MOH-zhem PLAH-teet KAR-toh
English: Can I pay by card?

To je všetko, ďakujem.
Pronunciation: toh yeh VSHET-koh DYA-koo-yem
English: That's all, thank you.

Useful phrases in an emergency

Pomoc!
Pronunciation: POH-mohtsht
English: Help!

Potrebujem lekára.
Pronunciation: POH-treh-boo-yem LEH-kah-rah
English: I need a doctor.

Zavolajte políciu, prosím.
Pronunciation: ZAH-voh-ligh-teh poh-LEE-tsee-oo PROH-seem
English: Please call the police.

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