

68. LETNÍ ŠKOLA SLOVANSKÝCH STUDIÍ V PRAZE

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Introduction to Czech Phonetics

The lecture focuses on the inventory of sounds and the basic characteristics of the phonic landscape of Czech, based on a comparison with English. The talk will explain the relationship between written and spoken forms of the language in order to facilitate understanding of its consonant and vowel system. The lecture primarily aims to describe the different implementations of contrast through voicing and the rules for voicing assimilation. The explanation of the prosodic properties of Czech includes the use of the glottal stop as a boundary signal, the rules for word stress in connected speech, and the functional aspects of Czech intonation.



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