



Telling Age in Czech

Learn how to say (and ask) ages naturally - the Czech way.

The Basic Rule:

- **Je + (Dative “to whom?”) + number + rok/roky/let (optional)**

→ literally “It is to me 25 years.”

Dative (short → full / stressed)

- **mi** → **mně** (*já / me*)
- **ti** → **tobě** (*ty / you sg*)
- **mu** → **jemu** (*on/ono / him/it*)
- **jí** → **jí** (*ona / her*)
- **nám** → **nám** (*my / us*)
- **vám** → **vám** (*vy / you pl/polite*)
- **jim** → **jim** (*oni/ony/ona / them*)

✚ Word order

- Short forms (**mi**, **ti**, **mu**, ...) are clitics and usually sit in **2nd position**: *Dnes **mi** je dvacet.*
- Both forms are correct; use the **full/stressed** forms (**mně**, **tobě**, **jemu**, **sobě**...) for emphasis or after prepositions: *Kvůli **mně**, k **tobě**.*
- With **age**: *Je **mi** 20 / Je **ti** 18 / Je **mu** 7 / Je **jí** 5 / Je **nám** 30 / Je **vám** 40 / Je **jim** 12.*

“Year” word: rok / roky / let

1 → **rok**: *Je mi jeden rok.* (only for exactly 1)

2–4 → **roky**: *Jsou mu dva/tři/čtyři roky.* - use nominative plural here

5+ → **let**: *Je jí jedenáct let, Je mi pět let. **From 5 and up use “let”!***

Using the rok/roky/let is optional! Like in English so → Je mi 25 let. = Je mi 25.

Quick note: This is useful for nouns as well → *jedna žena* (nominative singular), *dvě/tři/čtyři ženy* (nominative plural), *pět žen* (genitive plural)

A few examples

Je mi dvacet (let). = I'm 20.

Je mi dvacet pět (let). = I'm 25 years old.

Kolik ti je (let)? – Je mi osmnáct. = How old are you? – I'm 18.

Kolik vám je (let)? – Je mi třicet pět let. (polite)

Jsou mu tři (roky). = He is 3.

Je jí pět (let). = She is 5.

Kolik je Petrovi / Kolik mu je? – Je mu dvacet dva (let). = How old is Petr? – He is 22.

! Common mistakes (and what to say instead)

- ✗ **Mám 20 let.** → ✓ **Je mi 20 (let).**
- ✗ **Jsem 20 let starý.** → ✓ **Je mi 20 (let).**
(*"Jsem dvacetiletý" exists but sounds formal/descriptive ... plain weird.*)
- ✗ **Je mně 20.** → ✓ **Je mi 20.** (use the short form **mi**)

Want to Practise?

Try swapping subjects + pronouns (mi/ti/mu/jí...) and numbers (1–25) to drill the endings **rok/roky/let** and the 2nd-position rule.

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Let's make Czech click - one **Kolik ti je?** at a time.

You can also check out these links and practise on your own:

🌐 [Kolik je mu let ? Kolik je jí let ?](#)

🌐 [Zájmena - dativ](#)

Pa pa!

