

## Ten Ta To

Dear friends and Czech language aficionados!

I have good news for all students and practitioners of Czech.

In more than thirty years of teaching Czech I often observed my students' frustration with remembering grammatical genders. So, inspired by the ubiquitous smart phone technology I decided to produce **Ten Ta To**, an application for Android and iOS phones, a tool for learning and practicing grammatical genders of Czech nouns.

I have teamed up with the developer Lubos Mikusiak who has already created such an app for German ([www.passion4teq.com/apps/der-die-das-ios](http://www.passion4teq.com/apps/der-die-das-ios)), French and Dutch.

The **Ten Ta To** app will be **free to download** through Google Play and App Store. It will complement the classwork of Czech courses of all levels and provide a practical tool for all users of Czech globally. One can use it anywhere, in a park, on a train, on a plane or in a waiting room. No internet connection is necessary. If you need to quickly look up the correct gender just pick up the phone and type the first few characters. (See below for more details.)

Our budget is \$6,500. We have already received support from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) in New York. **We need to raise \$4,000** more to complete and launch the app.

Support the **Ten Ta To** project by making your tax-deductible contribution. Any amount is appreciated. Contributors of \$500 and more will receive a thank-you in the application and in all promotion.

**Please make your check payable to:**

Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, Inc.

**memo:** Ten-Ta-To

**and mail to:** SVU c/o Suzanna Halsey, 515 Avenue I, #1B, Brooklyn, NY 11230, USA



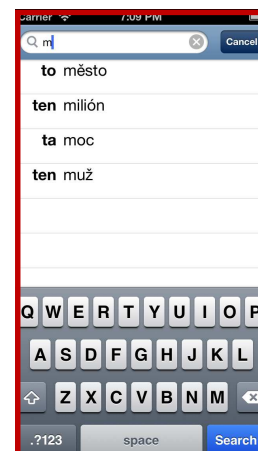
Thank you for your attention. We are looking for your participation and support. Děkuje!

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The demonstrative pronouns **ten, ta, to** (this) are used for teaching masculine, feminine or neuter gender of Czech nouns. Similar to the articles **der, die, das** in German or **le, la** in French.

Czech natives apply the correct gender intuitively. But for English speakers, it is a big challenge. Often, the Czech gender is not natural or logical. However, it is very important to identify the proper gender for further correct use of Czech nouns, adjectives, pronouns, numbers and the past tense participle, as in other Slavic languages.



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A Czech language training application  
for Android and iOS mobile devices.

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**Ten Ta To** app will contain **4,000 of the most frequently used nouns**, including nouns from the popular textbook *New Czech Step by Step* ([www.czechstepbystep.cz](http://www.czechstepbystep.cz)), and the following functions:

1. A **summary of rules** and guidelines to determine the gender of Czech nouns.
2. A **look-up** of a noun's gender by typing the first few letters of the word.
3. **Activities** for practicing and memorizing the correct gender.

A user can...

- **play** a three-level game of selecting the gender of random words; incorrect answers are cycled back until the correct answer is given. Student will see statistics of her/his progress;
- **create** a personal list of problematic words;
- **look up** the definition and usage of a word by clicking the word and accessing a dictionary.

