

My First 100 Polish Words: An Introduction to the Language for Beginners

Polish, a Western Slavic language, is spoken by over 50 million people worldwide, primarily in Poland. It is a rich and expressive language with a unique set of grammar rules and pronunciation. For beginners, learning Polish can seem like a daunting task. However, by mastering a core vocabulary of 100 words, you can embark on a journey to fluency.

This article serves as a comprehensive guide to your first 100 Polish words. We will delve into the basics of Polish pronunciation, provide English translations, and offer example sentences to demonstrate each word's usage. Whether you're a traveler, a language enthusiast, or someone with Polish heritage, this list will equip you with the building blocks you need to start communicating in this vibrant language.

Before we dive into the vocabulary, let's take a brief look at the basics of Polish pronunciation.



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- **Vowels:** Polish has seven vowel sounds: a, ą, e, i, o, ó, u. The pronunciation of each vowel is relatively straightforward, with a few exceptions:
 - **ą:** pronounced like the "o" in "long"
 - **ó:** pronounced like the "oo" in "boot"
- **Consonants:** Polish has 25 consonant sounds, many of which are similar to their English counterparts. However, there are a few key differences:
 - **ć:** pronounced like "ch" in "church"
 - **ś:** pronounced like "sh" in "ship"
 - **ź:** pronounced like "zh" in "measure"
 - **ł:** pronounced like the "w" in "well"
 - **rz:** pronounced like "j" in "jump"
- **Stress:** In Polish, stress usually falls on the second-to-last syllable of a word.

Now that we have a basic understanding of Polish pronunciation, let's dive into the vocabulary. The following list includes 100 essential Polish words, organized into categories for easy reference.

- **Hello** - Cześć (cheh-shch)

- **Goodbye** - Do widzenia (do vee-dzeh-nya)
- **Thank you** - Dziękuję (jen-koo-yeh)
- **You're welcome** - Nie ma za co (nyeh mah zah coh)
- **Yes** - Tak (tahk)
- **No** - Nie (nyeh)
- **Excuse me** - Przepraszam (psheh-prah-sham)
- **I'm sorry** - Przepraszam (psheh-prah-sham)

- **I** - Ja (yah)
- **You** - Ty (tih)
- **He** - On (ohn)
- **She** - Ona (oh-nah)
- **We** - My (mih)
- **You** - Wy (vih)
- **They** - Oni/One (oh-nee/oh-neh)

- **Book** - Książka (kshionj-kah)
- **Chair** - Krzesło (kshesh-woh)
- **Table** - Stół (stooh)
- **Computer** - Komputer (cohm-pyoo-ter)
- **Coffee** - Kawa (kah-vah)
- **Tea** - Herbata (her-bah-tah)

- **Water** - Woda (voh-dah)
- **Car** - Samochód (sah-moh-khohd)
- **House** - Dom (dohm)
- **School** - Szkoła (shkoh-lah)
- **To be** - Być (bihch)
- **To have** - Mieć (myehch)
- **To go** - Iść (ihshch)
- **To come** - Przyjść (pshihshch)
- **To eat** - Jeść (yeshch)
- **To drink** - Pić (pihch)
- **To speak** - Mówić (moh-vihch)
- **To learn** - Uczyć się (oo-chihch sheh)
- **To love** - Kochać (koh-hahch)
- **To play** - Grać (grahch)
- **Good** - Dobry (doh-brih)
- **Bad** - Zły (zlih)
- **Big** - Duży (doo-zhuh)
- **Small** - Mały (mah-lih)
- **Beautiful** - Piękny (pyehk-nih)
- **Ugly** - Brzydki (bzhih-dkih)

- **Happy** - Szczęśliwy (shchen-shlih-vih)
- **Sad** - Smutny (smoo-tnih)
- **Hot** - Gorący (goh-rah-tsih)
- **Cold** - Zimny (zihm-nih)
- **Very** - Bardzo (bah-rdzoh)
- **Not** - Nie (nyeh)
- **Quickly** - Szybko (shihb-koh)
- **Slowly** - Wolno (voh-noh)
- **Loudly** - Głośno (gwohsh-noh)
- **Quietly** - Cicho (chih-hoh)
- **Well** - Dobrze (doh-bjeh)
- **Badly** - Źle (zhleh)
- **Here** - Tu (too)
- **There** - Tam (tahm)
- **Who?** - Kto? (ktoh)
- **What?** - Co? (tsoh)
- **Where?** - Gdzie? (gdzeh)
- **When?** - Kiedy? (keh-dih)
- **Why?** - Dlaczego? (dlah-cheh-goh)
- **How?** - Jak? (yahk)

- **How much?** - Ile? (ih-leh)
- **One** - Jeden (yeh-den)
- **Two** - Dwa (dvah)
- **Three** - Trzy (tchih)
- **Four** - Cztery (chtih-reh)
- **Five** - Pięć (pyench)
- **Six** - Sześć (shehshch)
- **Seven** - Siedem (syem)
- **Eight** - Osiem (oh-shem)
- **Nine** - Dziewięć (jee-vyeh-ench)
- **Ten** - Dziesięć (jee-sheh-ench)

Mastering these 100 Polish words is an excellent foundation for building your Polish vocabulary. Here are some example sentences to demonstrate how these words are used in context:

- **Cześć, jestem Piotr.** (Hello, I'm Peter.)
- **Dziękuję za pomoc.** (Thank you for your help.)
- **Gdzie jest łazienka?** (Where is the bathroom?)
- **Chcę zamówić kawę.** (I would like to order a coffee.)
- **Mój dom jest duży.** (My house is big.)

- **Jestem bardzo szczęśliwy.** (I am very happy.)
- **Jak się masz?** (How are you?)
- **Ile to kosztuje?** (How much does it cost?)

Congratulations on taking your first step in the world of Polish language learning! By mastering these 100 essential words, you have laid a solid foundation for building your vocabulary and communicating effectively. Remember, practice makes perfect. Immerse yourself in Polish media, engage with native speakers, and use these words regularly to enhance your fluency. With continued effort and dedication, the rich and expressive world of Polish language will unlock itself before you.



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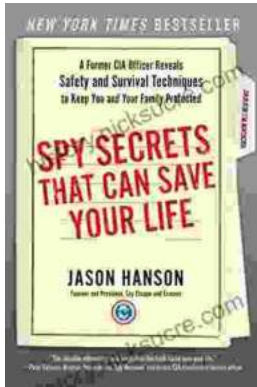
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