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THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: MEANS OF TRANSPORT/DOPRAVA

I showed you the difference between JÍT and JET two episodes ago. But how do we sometimes say it in informal situations - among friends and family? Well, to be honest, you will hear this version pretty frequently because Czech people don't speak like textbooks. Czech people are lazy so they don't pronounce it as they should.

I will read you sentences both with proper pronunciation and the informal/lazy version that you will come across quite a lot especially in Bohemia.

JÍT

Jdu domů. = I am going home.
Jdeš ven? = Are you going out?
Jana jde do práce = Jana (= Jane) is going to work.
Jdeme do školy. = We are going to school.
Jdete do obchodu? = Are you going to the shop?
Jdou do supermarketu? = Are they going to the supermarket?

What's the difference?

• we don't pronounce j in the informal version (jdu - du*, jdeš - deš*, ...)

JET

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• it's a different story because there is the extra sound E in the middle of the word

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• that's the reason we have to pronounce it properly (jedu, jedeš, jede,...)