

Lesson Recap Gdzie Mieszkasz?

In this lesson, we covered how to ask, and say where you're from, and had lots of words for countries.

Vocabulary

Numbers

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| zero | jeden | dwa | trzy | cztery | pięć | sześć |
| siedem | osiem | dziewięć | dziesięć | | | |

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| on/ona | he/she | gdzie | where? |
| jest | it is | jestem | I am |
| jesteś | you are | skąd | from where |
| w | in | z | from |

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| Skąd jesteś? | Where are you from? |
| Gdzie mieszkasz? | Where do you live? |
| Jestem z Polski. | I'm from Poland. |
| Mieszkam w Aberdeen. | I live in Aberdeen. |

Grammar

Notice from p13. that the words for countries change depending on how they are used in a sentence:

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| To jest Anglia. | This is England. |
| Jestem z Anglii. | I'm from England |

This is called *genitive case*, and we'll be looking at it in more detail later. For now, just remember that if the country ends in *-a*, just replace it with *-i*:

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| Anglia -> Anglii | Szkocja -> Szkocji | Holandia -> Holandii |
| Brazylia -> Brazylii | Wenezuela -> Wenezuelii | Kolumbia -> Kolumbii |

We have words for people who come from different countries:

| English | Polish | Z... | Male (<i>męski</i>) | Female (<i>żeński</i>) |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Scotland | Szkocja | Szkocji | Szkot | Szkotka |
| England | Anglia | Anglii | Anglik | Angielka |
| Spain | Hiszpania | Hiszpanii | Hiszpań | Hiszpanka |
| France | Francja | Francji | Francuz | Francuzka |
| Russia | Rosja | Rosji | Rosjanin | Rosjanka |
| Poland | Polska | Polski | Polak | Polka |
| Italy | Włochy | Włoch | Włoch | Włoszka |
| Germany | Niemcy | Niemiec | Niemiec | Niemka |
| Nigeria | Nigeria | Nigerii | Nigeryjczyk | Nigeryjka |
| Venezuela | Wenezuela | Wenezuelii | Wenezuelczyk | Wenezuelka |
| Colombia | Kolombia | Kolombii | Kolumbyjczyk | Kolumbyjka |

Pronunciation

When saying *z* before a word beginning with a vowel, as in “*z Aberdeen*”, the *z* gets stuck on to the following word, so it sounds like “*Zaberdeen*”.

However, when it comes before a word starting with a consonant, such as “*z Polski*”, the *z* becomes de-voiced, so it sounds like “*Spolski*”.

In a few cases, a word begins with a tricky sound, like “*Szkocja*”. In this case, we say “*ze Szkocji*” to save us from an impossible combination of “*zsz-*” :)

A similar effect happens with *w*, for example, “*jestem w Aberdeen*” would sound like “*jestem faberdeen*”