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Don't say: "I come from Czech Republic."

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We use **the** with countries which have general geopolitical names (e.g. states, republic, kingdom – the USA, the Czech Republic, the UK). We don't use it with other countries (e.g. Poland, Spain, Portugal, etc.).

BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING S – Sarah, P – Petr

S: Good morning my name is Sarah Jackson and I am a marketing manager.

P: Good morning, I'm Petr Novak, an IT specialist. Nice to meet you.



S: Nice to meet you. How was the journey?

P: Well, the traffic was **congested** because I was driving during **rush hour**. But I got here **on time at last**.

S: Oh, I understand. The traffic in the UK can be sometimes **busy**. How is the traffic in the Czech Republic?

P: It **depends on** when you **set out**. The worst time is between 7 and 9 a.m. and 4 – 6 p.m.

S: I see. Would you like some **refreshment**? Tea or coffee?

P: English tea would be nice, thank you.

S: Good, I'll be back in a minute.

VOCABULARY

congested – ucpaný

rush hour – špička

on time – včas

at last – nakonec

busy – rušný

depends on – záviset na

set out - vyrazit

refreshment – občerstvení

QUIZ:

Complete the following sentences with **"the"** or **without "the"**.

1. I have met my colleague who comes from _____Germany.
2. Does he often fly on business trips to _____ USA?
3. She would like to travel around _____Italy.
4. Let's go to _____Czech Republic to visit Prague!

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