

The consonant phonemes of SDA are: p, t, č, k, kw, b, d, j, g, s, š, z, ž, m, nn, n, ll, l, rr, r, w, y. /t/ and /d/ are fronted; /š/ and /ž/ are retroflexed. In loans from Spanish the following additional consonants are found: gw, f, x. The vowel phonemes are: i, ũ, u, e, o, ě, a. /ě/ is an unrounded mid-open front vowel. There are simple and complex syllable nuclei; the complex nuclei subdivide into laryngealized (aa), interrupted (a<sup>†</sup>), and aspirated (ah) nuclei. Syllables are either stressed or unstressed. There are three tonemes: rising, falling, and low. In unstressed syllables there is neutralization of the rising and falling tones to a phonetic high pitch. Tone is not written in this paper. However, where two morphemes are distinguished only by their inherent toneme, one of them is marked by a diacritic accent.

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