


Polish (phonetic)

“This word in Polish sounds like...”

These words are ‘phonetic’ so read them as an English word would sound. They are never perfect; there are often ‘dialects’ so a parent might help adjust where needed!

Hello	Bye	Sit	Come	 SOUNDS LIKE
cheshch	pa, pa	sia-day	hodz	

Quiet	Food	Stop!	Thanks
tzi-ho	ye-dzen-ye	pshe-stan	dz-yen-koo-ye

Sleep	Hat	Coat	Hungry?
spatz <u>or</u> spiy (imperative)	chap-ka	pwa-shch	Glo-dni?

Thirsty?	Drink	Bottle	Dummy
Khchesh pich?	piy (verb) pi- <u>tz</u> ye (noun) as in ‘p <u>izza</u> ’	boo-tel-ka	smo-chek

More	Enough	It is OK	Toilet
vee-yen-tzey <u>or</u> ye-shche	doshch <u>or</u> vee-starchy	dob-she	oo-bee-katz-ya

Tired	Nappy	Outside	Inside
zmen-cho-ni	pee-ye-loo-ha	na dvo-she	vee-shrod-koo <u>or</u> vee do-moo

Share	Good	Please
vis-pool-ne	dob-she	pro-she

Lie down	Play time
po-woosh she <u>or</u> lesh (imperative)	za-ba-va

Wash hands	Well done
oo-miy ren-tze	bar-dzo dob-she

Mum is coming	Dad is coming
Mama ee-dze	Tata ee-dze

1	2	3	4	5
ye-den	dva	chi	chte-ri	pee-yentz

The Polish “a” is always pronounced like the English “u” in “dummy”

The Polish “e” is always pronounced like “e” in “pen”, never as in “she”

The stress always falls on the second last syllable of a word eg., boo-tel-ka; dzien-ku-ye’

The “h” (as in “hodz”) is similar to the Scottish sound “ch” in “loch”

“ch” is as in “cheek”

“sh” is as in “shed”

“tz” is close to “zz” in pizza

“dz” is a bit softer than “g” in “George”