

The Finnish language

is spoken mainly in Finland, but also by people of Finnish origin in Sweden and other countries. The Finnish language belongs to the Fenno-Ugric group of languages, which is a part of the Uralian family of languages. Other Uralian languages are for example Estonian, Hungarian and some languages spoken in Russia, mostly by small ethnic groups.

Suomalaiset aakkoset/ Finnish alphabet



In Finland there are two official languages. which are Finnish and Swedish. About 90 % of the population speak Finnish and about 5 % Swedish. Also the indigenous Sami language is an official language in the area of northern Lapland.

Finnish phrases

Suomeksi / in Finnish	English
Hei!	Hello!
Mitä kuuluu?	How are you?
Hyvää, kiitos.	Fine, thanks.
En ymmärrä.	I do not understand.
Kyllä.	Yes.
Ei.	No.
Hyvää päivän jatkoa!	Have a nice day!
Hyvää huomenta.	Good morning.
Hyvää päivää.	Good afternoon.
Hyvää iltaa.	Good evening.
Hyvää yötä.	Good night.
Onnea!	Good luck!
Minä rakastan sinua.	I love you.
Mikä sinun nimesi on?	What's your name?

Our flag



Finnish words

Suomeksi / in Finnish	Meaning in English
iloinen	happy
rakkaus	love
äiti	mother
yö	night
tähti	star
enkeli	angel
kiitos	thank you
aurinko	the sun

Finnish palindromes

A palindrome is a word or sentence that reads the same forward as it does backward. An example in English: A nut for a jar of tuna.

Here are three Finnish palindromes:

Innostunut sonni (Read backwards!)

Meaning: Enthusiastic bull

Saippuakauppias (Read backwards!)

Meaning: A person who sells soap.

Ellu tekee lettuja ja juttelee ketulle. (Read backwards!)

Meaning; Ellu makes pancakes and talks to the fox. (*Ellu is a Finnish girl's name.*)