

# Finnish Language Crash Course and Suomipassi App

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# Languages in Finland

- The official languages in Finland are Finnish and Swedish
- Native languages (people living permanently in Finland, 2018):

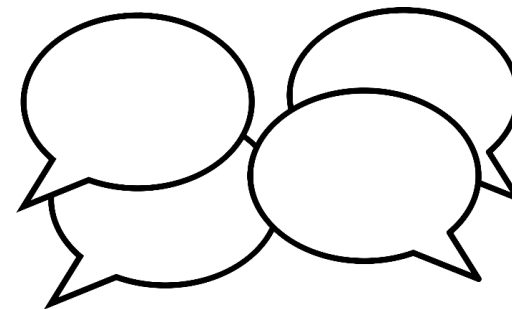
Finnish 4 835 778 (~87,6%)

Swedish 288 400 (~5,2%)

Other 391 746 (~7,2%)

(Source: [http://www.stat.fi/til/vaerak/2018/vaerak\\_2018\\_2019-03-29\\_tau\\_001\\_fi.html](http://www.stat.fi/til/vaerak/2018/vaerak_2018_2019-03-29_tau_001_fi.html) [3.6.2019])

# Practise Finnish!



Hei! / Moi! / Terve!

(Hyvää) huomenta!

Mikä sinun nimi on?

Minun nimi on...

Hauska tutustua!

Kiitos samoin!

Nähdään!

Hi!

(Good) morning!

What's your name?

My name is...

Nice to meet you!

Thank you, same!

See you!

# Finnish language

- Belongs to the **Finno-Ugric language** family (like Estonian and Hungarian)
- **Typologically different** from most of the (Indo)European languages
- Difficult language?

# Special characteristics of Finnish language

- No articles

**koira**

**a dog, the dog**

- No grammatical gender

**hän**

**she, he**

# Lots of suffixes

- Grammatical functions are expressed with suffixes and endings
- There are not so many prepositions and postpositions
- Each ending has its own function
- There can be several endings in one word

## TALOISSANIKIN

TALO-I-SSA-NI-KIN  
HOUSE-PL.-IN-MY-ALSO  
ALSO IN MY HOUSES

## PUHUITKO?

PUHU-I-T-KO  
SPEAK-PAST.TENSE-SG.2.P.-QUESTION  
DID YOU SPEAK?

# ... and there are a lot of compound words

yliopisto

yli - opisto

'over/past' 'school' → 'university'

kerrostalo

kerros - talo

'floor' – 'house' → 'apartment building'

# Something familiar?

- Finnish language has quite many **international words**, borrowed from the Indo-European languages (mainly Swedish and English).
- **Loan words have been adjusted to Finnish** orthography and pronunciation.

You might recognise these:

posti

taksi

bussi

hotelli

kamera

banaani

teatteri

musiikki

But how about these:

sähkö

tietokone

kännykkä (matkapuhelin)

# Written and spoken Finnish

- The difference between written (standard) and spoken (colloquial) Finnish is remarkable

minä olen          mä oon          I am

Tuletko sinä?    Tuutsä?          Are you coming?

- Also a lot of variation between dialects

Alavilla mailla hallan vaara.

Kaunein? Most beautiful?

Hyvää yötä!

Vaikein? Most difficult?

Hyvää työpäivää!

Ei minua varten tarvii keittää.

Suomalaisin? Most Finnish?

# Suomipassi

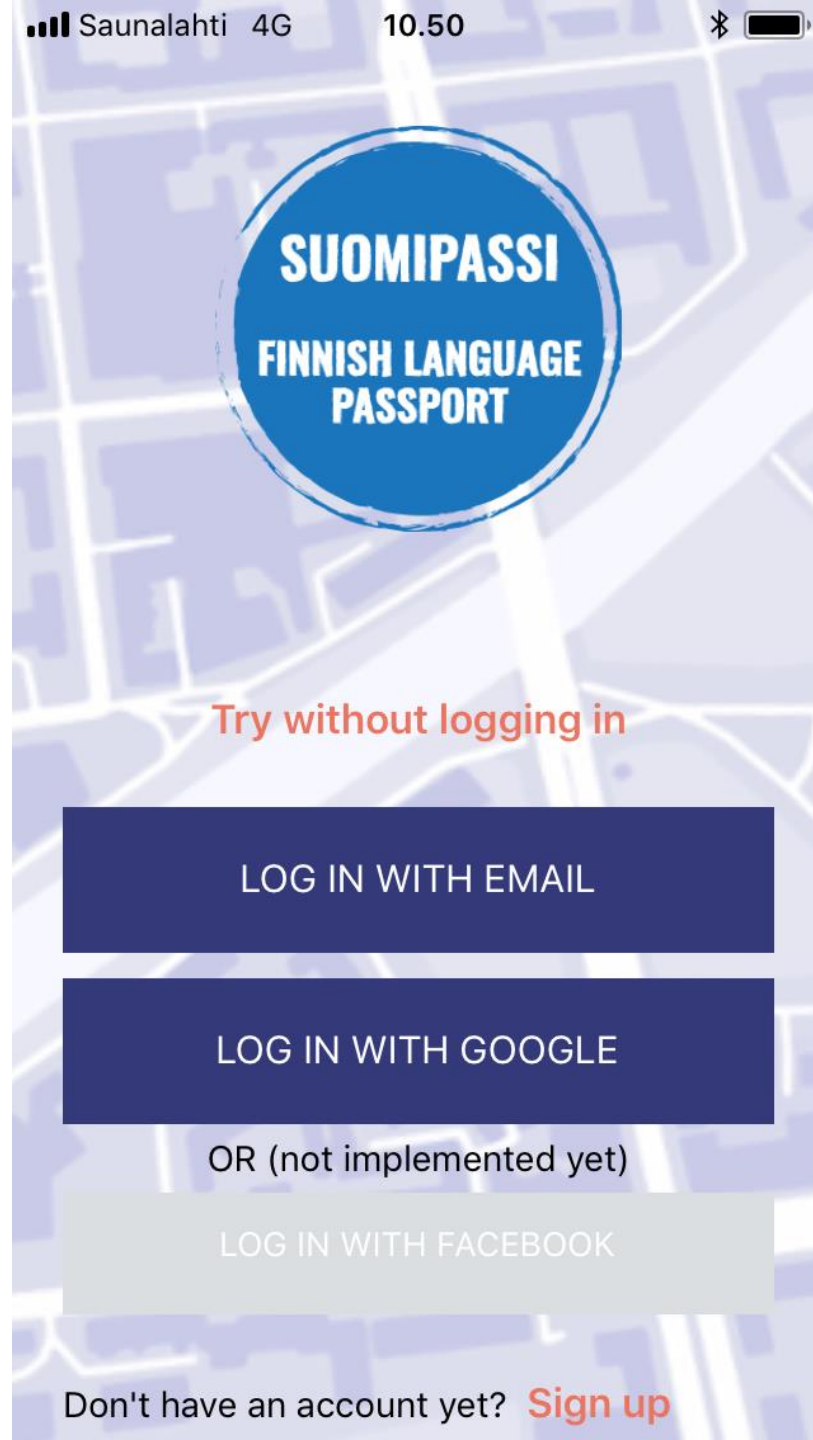
## Finnish Language Passport



- Learn phrases to use in shops, cafes, restaurants
- Learn other basic phrases, food vocabulary, spoken language and numbers
- Listen to audio files and practise pronunciation
- Passport = get a stamp of using Finnish, mark it on the map and see your journey of speaking Finnish
- Translated into English, Swedish, German, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Italian, French, Arabic and Spoken Finnish
- Can be used independently or as a part of Finnish courses
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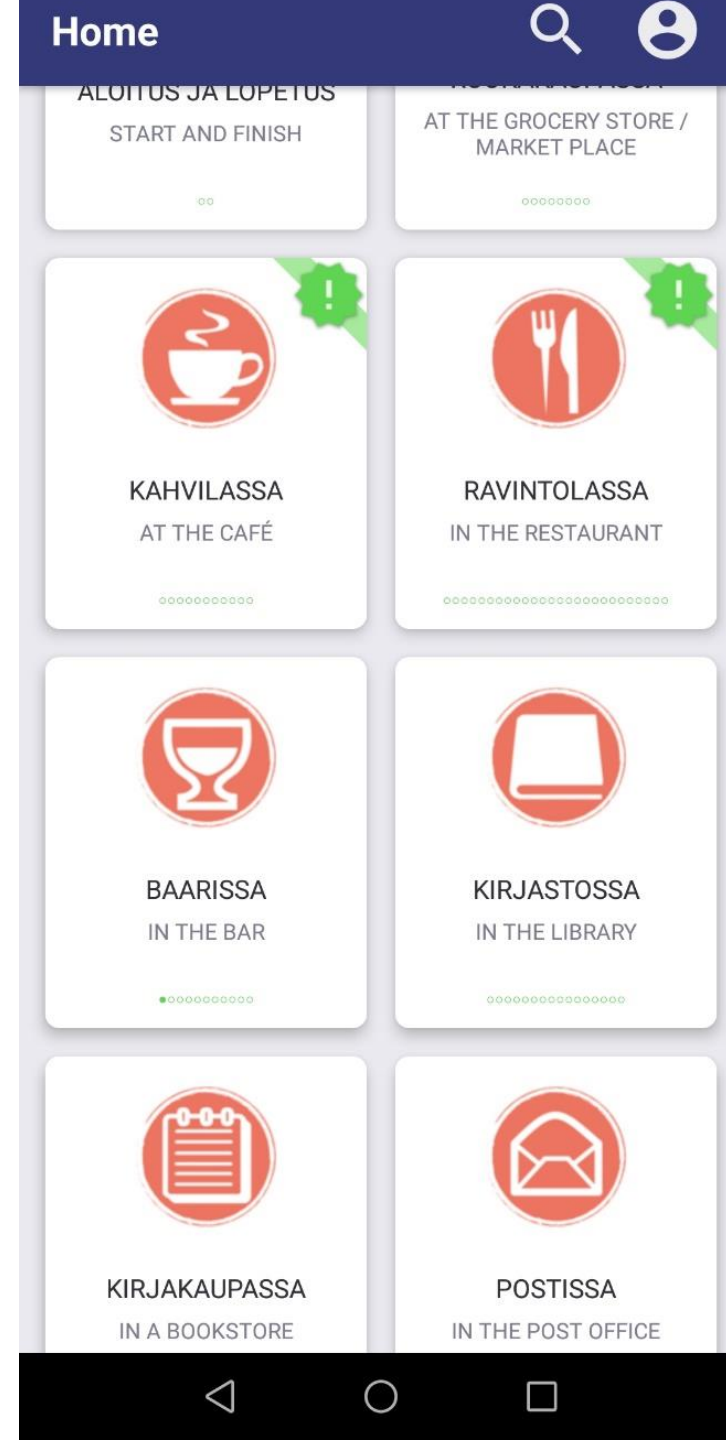
<https://suomipassi.utu.fi>

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- One of the three nominees for Language Deed of the Year 2019.
- The Finnish Language Passport, i.e. Suomipassi, is a 'language passport' developed at the University of Turku in 2017 by the initiative of Finnish language teacher **Jenni Laine**.
- The aim of Suomipassi is to encourage Finnish language learners to use more Finnish outside the classroom in daily situations and to support them in the early stages of their Finnish language learning.
- The Suomipassi mobile application was developed by the Centre for Language and Communication Studies and IT Services of the University of Turku and the Student Union.

<https://intranet.utu.fi/en/news/news/Pages/Vote-for-the-University-Language-Deed-of-the-Year-2019.aspx>



Choose a phrase, listen to it and practise the pronunciation.

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**TURUN  
YLIOPISTO**

Kiitos ja hyvää kesää!





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YLIOPISTO**