

Finnish Language (Finnish, Culture Society and Language)

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Suomen kielen kauneimmat sanat

The most beautiful Finnish words (according to Hanna's students)

SÖPÖ

REVONTULI

ÄÄNI

HELMI

IHANA

TOPPATAKKI

ILO

KORIPALLO

LUMI

LÄMPIMÄMPI

Finnish language

- Finnish – Finno-Ugric and Nordic language
- Finnish language: Difficult or different?
- Some characteristics of Finnish language

Languages of Turku?

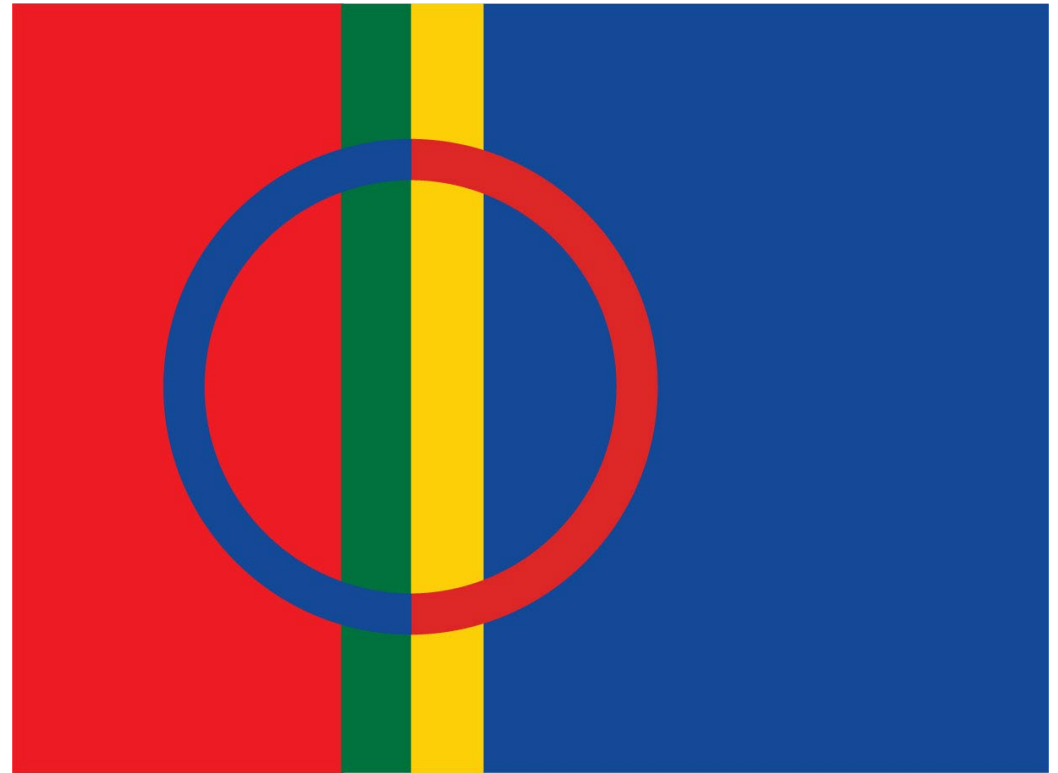


Languages of Finland

- The official languages of Finland are Finnish and Swedish.
- In Turku, approximately 5.4 % of population speaks Swedish as their first language.
- Biggest numbers of foreign-language speakers: Russian, Estonian, Arabic, English, Ukrainian, Somali (stat.fi)

Languages of Finland

- The Saami (*Sami* or *Sámi*) languages are the languages of the indigenous population of Finland. There are three different Saami languages spoken in Finland: Inari Saami, Skolt Saami and Northern Saami.



Finnish language – Finno-Ugric language family

- Finnish is not an Indo-European language but belongs to the Finno-Ugric languages (Uralic languages).
- Hungarians, Finns, and Estonians make up the majority of Finno-ugric languages speakers.
- Finnish and Estonian are Baltic-Finnic languages.

- For more information: <https://fennougria.ee/en/peoples/baltic-finnic-peoples/>



Finnish language – Finno-Ugric language family

- Finnish is one the Nordic languages – but Finnish is not related to Scandinavian languages.
- Close contacts:
 - Finnish and Swedish have more shared words than, for example, Finnish and Hungarian, even though Finnish and Swedish are not related.
 - Finnish communication culture is similar to Swedish (Scandinavian) communication culture.

Some characteristics of Finnish language

- There are **no articles** in Finnish.
- Finnish words have **no grammatical gender**.
- **Hän** on onnellinen. *She is happy.*
- **Hän** on onnellinen. *He is happy.*

Lots of endings and suffixes

- Turku
 - Turun, Turkua, Turussa, Turusta, Turkuun, Turulla, Turulta, Turulle, Turkuna, Turuksi...
- *Vasta-isi-t-ko?* *Would you answer?*

Sounds

- Most sounds can be either short or long:

Tuli *fire*

Tuuli *wind*

Tulli *customs office*

Tapaan sinut *I meet you*

Tapan sinut *I kill you*

To have -construction

-lla/-llä -ending:

Minulla on kirja. *I have a book.*

Hannalla on kirja. *Hanna has a book.*

FINNISH NIGHTMARES

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WEATHER IS HORRIBLE, BUT THE ONLY SHELTER IS OCCUPIED.

The Verb of the Day

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“tarjeta”

“to withstand the cold”

*A uniquely Finnish verb used to say you
can endure low temperatures or
manage in the cold without freezing.*

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Politeness strategies and addressing in Finnish

- Highly respected personal space
- High tolerance of silence
- Are there less politeness phrases?

Get inspired.



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