

# **Aakkoset ja numerot**

## **The Finnish alphabet and numbers**

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# Aakkoset - The Alphabet

A [aa]

I [ii]

Q [kuu]

Y [yy]

B [bee]

J [jii]

R [är]

Z [tset, tseta]

C [see]

K [koo]

S [äs]

Å [ruotsalainen oo]

D [dee]

L [äl]

T [tee]

Ä [ää]

E [ee]

M [äm]

U [uu]

Ö [öö]

F [äf]

N [än]

V [vee]

G [gee]

O [oo]

W [tuplavee, kaksoisvee]

H [hoo]

P [pee]

X [äks]



# Vokaalit - Vowels

- There are 8 vowels in the Finnish alphabet.
- Note that one letter always equals one speech sound (unlike in the English language, for instance).
- If you compare the Finnish speech sound with the English one:

<b>a</b>	is as in <b>fun</b>	<b>ä</b>	is as in <b>apple</b>
<b>o</b>	is as in <b>top</b>	<b>ö</b>	is as in the article <b>an</b>
<b>u</b>	is as in <b>to</b>	<b>y</b>	is as in the French article <b>une</b> or german <b>ü</b>
<b>e</b>	is as in <b>get</b>		
<b>i</b>	is as in <b>skin</b>		

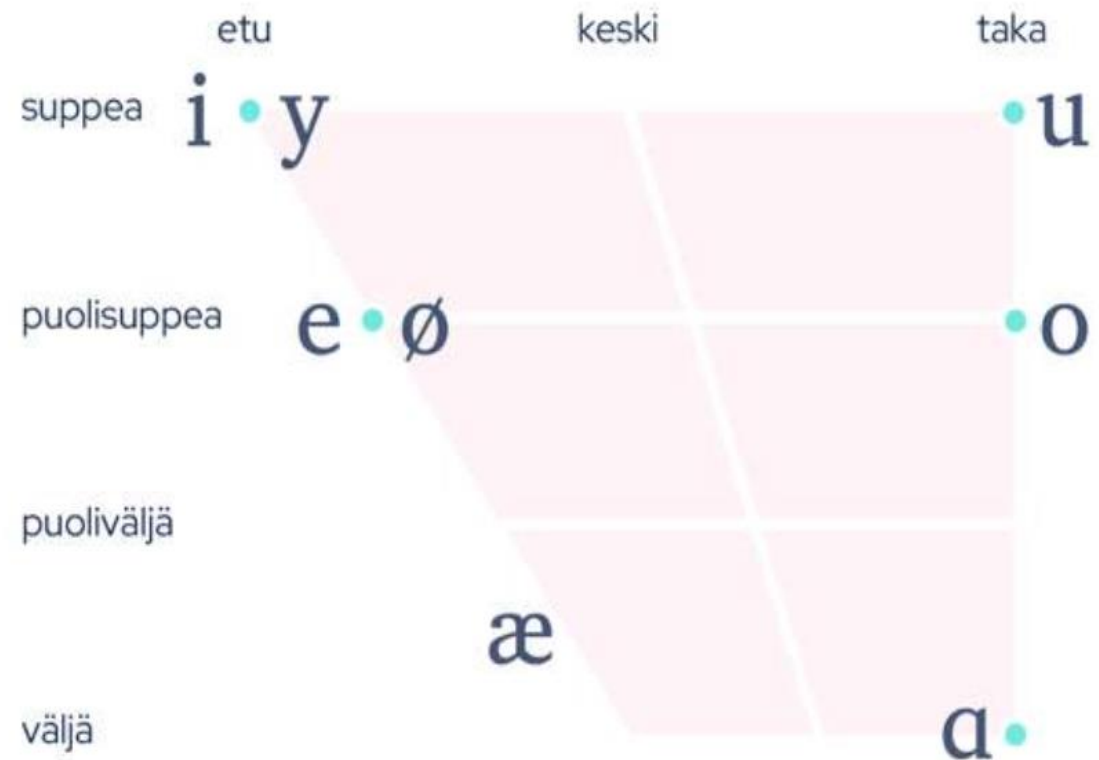
- Letter Å (ruotsalainen o, Swedish o) only exists in some names, and therefore it is not considered a Finnish vowel.



# Vokaalit suussa – Vowels in the mouth

- **i – e – ä** drop your jaw
- **i – y** round your lips
- **e – ö** round your lips
  
- **a** open your mouth, relax your tongue
- **ä** push your tongue out

(Virkkunen & Nikonen 2024)



# Konsonantit - Consonants

- There are 20 consonants in the Finnish alphabet in all: b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x and z.
- Consonants b, c, f, q, x and z only occur in loan words.
- Consonant w [tuplavee] is pronounced as v [vee] in words.
  - W is not commonly used.
  - Sometimes v and w are considered as one letter when organizing things in alphabetical order.



# Konsonantit nk/ng – Consonants nk/ng

- ongelma [oŋelma]
- kenkä [keŋkæ]
- kengät [keŋæt]
- Helsinki [helsiŋki]
- Helsingissä [helsiŋissæ]

(Virkkunen & Nikonen 2024)



ŋ

ŋ on velaarinen nasaali



# Konsonantti r— Consonant r

- dn, dn, dn...
- t-t-t-rrraktori
- prrr
- fffffrrrrr
- hhhrrrr
- Dddddrrrr

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r



r on alveolaarinen tremulantti



# Numerot 1–10 – Numbers 1–10

1	yksi	(yks)
2	kaksi	(kaks)
3	kolme	(kolme)
4	neljä	(neljä)
5	viisi	(viis)
6	kuusi	(kuus)
7	seitsemän	(seittemä)
8	kahdeksan	(kaheksa)
9	yhdeksän	(yheksä)
10	kymmenen	(kymmene)





# Muita numeroita — Other numbers

0	nolla	
-teen	-toista	(-toist)
-ty	-kymmentä	(-kyt)
100	sata	
-hundred	-sataa	
1000	tuhat	
-thousand	-tuhatta	
1 000 000	miljoona	
1 000 000 000	miljardi	



# Kokeile! – Try it!

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
- 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 1000, 1 000 000
- 21, 32, 43, 54, 65, 76, 87, 98
- 101, 212, 323, 434, 545, 656, 767, 878, 999
- 2024
  
- Kuinka vanha sinä olet? (How old are you?)  
- Olen ... vuotta.
- Minä vuonna olet syntynyt? (≈What is your year of birth?)  
- Vuonna...

