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tammikuu, helmikuu,  
maaliskuu, huhtikuu, toukokuu,  
kesäkuu, heinäkuu, elokuu,  
syyskuu, lokakuu, marraskuu,  
joulukuu



# tammikuu ja helmikuu

**January's** name reflects its location in the middle of winter. Oak means heart, middle or core in some dialects, on the other hand, polarity or axis. So, **January is the heart of winter.**

The name of **February** comes from ice beads, which can be seen on tree branches in the frosts after the warmer weather. In southwestern Finland, it has been said that "**the forest is an ice pearl**".




# maaliskuu ja huhtikuu ja toukokuu

In **March**, in dialects "seed moon," the name stems from the word **earth**. In March, the ground is revealed under the snow cover.

**April's** name comes from an agriculture, **burn-clearing**, slash, and burn. In April, farmers marked the places that were later to be cut down and burned.

**May's** name comes from **may work** to prepare a new crop: ploughed and sown.





## Kesäkuu ja heinäkuu ja elokuu

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Contrary to what you might think, the **June** name does not come from summer, but from a **resting field** vein. The set-up fields were first ploughed in Western Finland in June.

**July** is the warmest month of the year and **haymaking** time.

**August** gets its name from the **harvest**, which could begin as early as the end of July on The Day of the Jaakko.





# syyskuu ja lokakuu ja marraskuu

**September's** name comes from the word **syys**, which means fall.

**October's** name comes from **dirt** and sly.


**November's** name comes from the word **marras**, which means dead.





A child wearing a red hat and a dark sweater is seen from behind, sitting on the floor and looking out a window. The window shows a snowy night scene with a joulukukko (a red, bird-like Christmas decoration) hanging from the top. The room is decorated with a green Christmas tree, a basket of gifts, and lit candles. The overall atmosphere is warm and festive.


# joulukuu

Unlike many European languages, in Finland the names of months have remained Finnish. The only younger loan term can be found in the December name, which originates from the ancient Scandinavian *jól*, i.e., the *jul* of modern Swedish.

 Oinas (21.3. - 20.4.) +


 Härkä (21.4. - 21.5.) +

 Kaksoset (22.5. - 21.6.) +


 Rapu (22.6. - 22.7.) +


 Leijona (23.7. - 22.8.) +


 Neitsyt (23.8. - 22.9.) +


 Vaaka (23.9. - 23.10.) +

 Skorpioni (24.10. - 22.11.) +

 Jousimies (23.11. - 21.12.) +

 Kauris (22.12. - 20.1.) +

 Vesimies (21.1. - 20.2.) +

 Kalat (21.2. - 20.3.) +

## Horoskooppi: kysy parilta:

A: Milloin on sun synttärit?

B: Maaliskuussa. Entä sun?

A: Kesäkuussa.

B: Mikä on sun horoskooppimerkki?

A: Rapu. Entä sun?...

## Pari sanoo merkin ja sinä sanot kuukaudet:

A: Oinas.

B: maaliskuu ja .....kuu

B: Rapu.

A: .....kuu ja .....kuu