

FINNISH IA  
TERVETULOA!



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# FINNISH I A

- Course guidelines and practicalities
- Introduction to Finnish language
- Pronunciation and spelling
- Introducing oneself
- Greetings
- The alphabets



# COURSE GUIDELINES AND PRACTICALITIES

- 13.5. – 19.6.2019, Mondays and Wednesdays at 17–18.30
- Sonja Gehring & Sanni Heinzmann: Suomen mestari 1, chapters 1 – 4
- MyCourses
- Exam (koe)
  - 26.6. 2019 at 16.00–18.00
  - Re-exam 7.8. at 16.00–18.00
  - Results in Weboodi
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# INTRODUCTION TO FINNISH LANGUAGE

- Finnish is a member of the Finno-Ugric family of languages
  - That's why it differs from Indo-European languages (structure and vocabulary)
- No articles:
  - bussi: a/the buss
  - tomaatti: a/the tomato
- No grammatical gender
  - Even the pronoun hän: he/she is the same for both sexes
- No future form
  - Menen töihin huomenna: I'll go to work tomorrow.
- Written and spoken language differs quite a lot
  - Voitko tulla minun luokseni? -> Voiksä tulla mun luo?: Can you come to my place?

# AGGLUTINATIVE LANGUAGE

- Finnish has endings and suffixes instead of prepositions and other individual words
  - 15 grammatical cases
  - bussissa: in the bus
  - puhutko?: do you speak?
- Finnish also has postpositions that are used the same way as English prepositions: most of them are put after the word
  - Liisan kanssa: with Liisa

# PRONUNCIATION AND SPELLING

- Phonetic language
  - Each written letter is represented by the same sound and each sound is written with the same letter
- There are long and short sounds and letters in Finnish
  - Keep them separate because otherwise your message might change:
    - Minä tapaan Maijan: I'll meet Maija.
    - Minä tapan Maijan: I'll kill Maija.
- The main stress of the word is on the first syllable
- Sentence intonation falls off
  - Intonation doesn't rise even in questions. The question has either a question pronoun or the question suffix.
    - Mikä sinun nimi on? What's your name?
    - Onko sinun nimi Matti? Is your name Matti?
    - Lähdetkö oluelle? Would you like to go for a beer?

# VOWELS

- There are 8 vowels in Finnish language
  - all of them can be short or long
- Lots of vowel combinations and diphthongs
  - they must all be uttered
- Vowel harmony
  - When a word has vowels a, u, o, ending has a, o or u as well
    - **auto-ssa, lattia-lla** BUT: **pöytä-llä**
    - except of compound words: jääkaapissa: in the fridge

# CONSONANTS

K, p, t, l, m, n, r and s can be either short or long, others just short. For example:

- *k, kk*: kuka - kukka: who - flower
- *l, ll*: tuli - tulli: fire - customs
- *r, rr*: meri - herra: sea - mister
- *t, tt*: sata - vuotta: hundred - years
- *p, pp*: papu - soppa: bean - soup



# VOCABULARY

- Finnish origin vocabulary
  - kirja: a/the book
  - tietokone: a/the computer
  - sähkö: electricity
- Forming new words
  - Endings:
    - kirja -> kirjasto (a/the library)
    - kahvi (coffee) -> kahvila (coffee house)
  - Compound words:
    - tieto + kone = tietokone: knowledge + machine
    - tikkukaramelli/tikkari (lollipop): a stick + candy
- Loanwords
  - banaani, tomaatti, baari...



# INTRODUCING ONESELF

- Hei! / Moi!
- Minä olen Nelli. / Mä oon Nelli. (I am ...)
  - OR: Minun nimi on Nelli. / Mun nimi on Nelli. (My name is...)
- Kuka sinä olet? / Kuka sä oot? (Who are you?)
- Hauska tutustua! (Nice to meet you!)
- Hei hei! / Moi moi! / Moikka!

# GREETINGS

- (Hyvää) Huomenta!



- (Hyvää) Päivää!



- (Hyvää) Iltaa!



- Hyvää yötä!



# SANASTOA / VOCABULARY

vartalo = stem

vahva vartalo = strong stem

heikko vartalo = weak stem

vokaalivartalo = vowel stem

konsonanttivartalo = consonant stem

perusmuoto = basic form

verbityyppi = verb type

adjektiivivi = adjective

pronomini = pronoun

pääte = ending

vokaali = vowel

konsonantti = consonant

taivuttaa = to conjugate

poikkeus = exception

harjoitus = exercise

noun = nomini

substantiivi = substantive

sanatyyppi = word type

sijamuoto = grammatical case

# HOMEWORK

- Buy the book Suomen mestari 1
- Translate chapter 1
- Study numbers (Suomen mestari 1, page 14) and check the clip on MyCourses

MOI MOI!

Nähdään keskiviikkona! / See you on Wednesday!

