# Finnish for Everyday Life

Do you want to speak more Finnish in your daily life?

Have you started learning Finnish, but are having trouble using what you learn in real life?

Would you like to speak more Finnish TODAY in places you visit regularly and be guided on how to do so? e.g. grocery store, shops, library, cafe & more

Join Finnish for Everyday Life, a 7-week course and peer-support container!

This course will teach you **skills**, provide **practice opportunities** and a **supportive environment** to help you bring Finnish into your everyday life.

Round 1 of Finnish for Everyday Life will take place from **Tuesday 25 February to Friday 11 April** 2025

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| For those who’d like to… | 1) **speak** more Finnish in everyday life  2) feel more **confident** while speaking  3) take **risks**, learn from **mistakes** & really feel yourself **progressing**!  3) and do the above as part of a **supportive group**! | |
| Objective | Our main objective is to find the shortest path to \*more\* speaking in daily life.  We’ll be practicing speaking to sales staff and various customer-service employees, as these situations provide great practice (and we can choose where & when to engage). | |
| Not your average course… | To keep the focus on speaking, we’ll \*only\* learn the grammar we immediately need and  there will be gaps in your knowledge. This is necessary in Finnish: we learn in layers, and need to embody grammar before we can go deeper\*.  We’ll also cover…   * Skills to help us navigate different types of situations * Strategies for continuous learning (independently & in real-life situations) * Practice in different types of situations (in-class & in real life) * Self-reflection on the learning process * Feedback on projects & sticky areas * Peer-support   \*The gaps will fill in for you over time (whether you choose to take a Finnish course or teach yourself) but just know that you do not need to know everything perfectly before speaking. Speaking is about self-awareness, situational awareness, courage… and finally, it’s about having the knowledge you need to express yourself. | |
| By the end of these 7 weeks you'll have… | * strengthened your pronunciation skills * mapped out daily life areas which give you the most opportunity to use your Finnish * practiced speaking in different situations (in class & outside of class)   + completed projects outside of class to integrate what you learn in real life   + Received personalized feedback on your projects * developed strategic skills to speak in different types of situations * reflected on the process & identified skills to develop to make situations easier * Collaborated, supported & been supported by other Finnish learners * been guided by a fellow spouse who’s gone before you, and is now at an advanced level. * a plan in place for continuing to expand your Finnish skills in a way that suits you | |
| Schedule | Tuesday and Friday mornings from 25 February to 11 April 2025  Tuesdays:  **10.00-12.00 (2h/week) in person*/location TBA*, weekly class & strategy**  Fridays:  **10.30-11.15 (45mins/week) on Teams, practice opportunities**   * **Individual feedback will be provided on all projects** | |
|  | Tuesday, February 25th 10am-12pm  Tuesday, March 4th 10am-12pm  Tuesday, March 11th 10am-12pm  Tuesday, March 18th 10am-12pm  Tuesday, March 25th 10am-12pm  Tuesday, April 1st 10am-12pm  Tuesday, April 8th 10am-12pm | Friday, February 28th 10:30-11:15am  Friday, March 7th 10:30-11:15am  Friday, March 14th 10:30-11:15am  Friday, March 21th 10:30-11:15am  Friday, March 28th 10:30-11:15am  Friday, April 4th 10:30-11:15am  Friday, April 11th 10:30-11:15am |
| Participation requirements | * You must be able to participate for all 7 weeks: attending class & doing the projects * Eager & willingness to speak, make mistakes & learn from them (you’ll get coaching on setbacks but the underlying internal motivation is really important) * Approx. A2 Finnish learners (from a course OR independent learning) * Remember the following (memorized & ready to use) as we’ll be building on them:   + Basic greetings, thank you’s, common/simple phrases   + numbers   + verbs: to be, to have & -ko questions (e.g. onko sinulla…)   + possessive pronouns (minun, sinun, hänen…)   + the 6 local cases, (+ssa, +sta, +Vn, +lle, +lla, +lta)   + question words (Missä, mihin, mistä, miksi, mitä…)   + at least 100-200 basic words | |
| About Irina | Irina Pravet is your teacher and fellow spouse who’s been in Finland for 15 years.  She will be sharing what she’s learned as a 2x immigrant, multibelonger (to Finland, Canada & Romania) and language professional, who struggled with Finnish in the beginning.  Irina believes that every individual is wired for language - it’s a part of our biology.  By understanding & creating the right conditions to learn, we all have what it takes to speak Finnish. Sprinkling Finnish into our everyday lives is such a powerful way to start creating those conditions for ourselves; and this course will help you do exactly this.  Watch Irina’s Tedx talk about Finnish & learn more here: [www.irinapravet.com](http://www.irinapravet.com) | |
| Number of participants in group | 10-15 participants | |