



**SUOMI**

**Languages**

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HYVÄÄ PÄIVÄÄ

Two official languages :

- finnish (suomea) : about 90 % of the population
- swedish : about 50 % of the population (5 % as a mother tongue)
- lappish (sami) spoken by northern ethnic minorities (about 0,05 % of the population)

Even though minority language: recognized language for exams.

Finnish and lappish : same group of languages (not indo-european)



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Finnish and Swedish :

Two languages taught since elementary School :

→ bilingualism

→ Positive impact on ability to speak other foreign

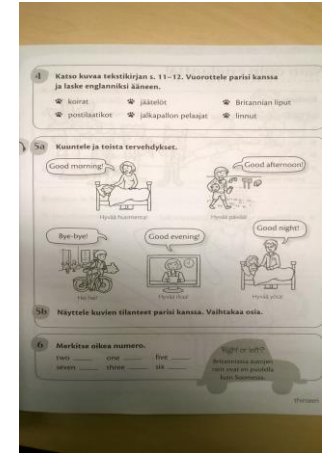
languages (including english)

Finnish : “transparent” language (graphophonologic link)

→ Impact on :

- spelling (needing less time to teach)

→ more time for other activities (manual and artistic activities..)



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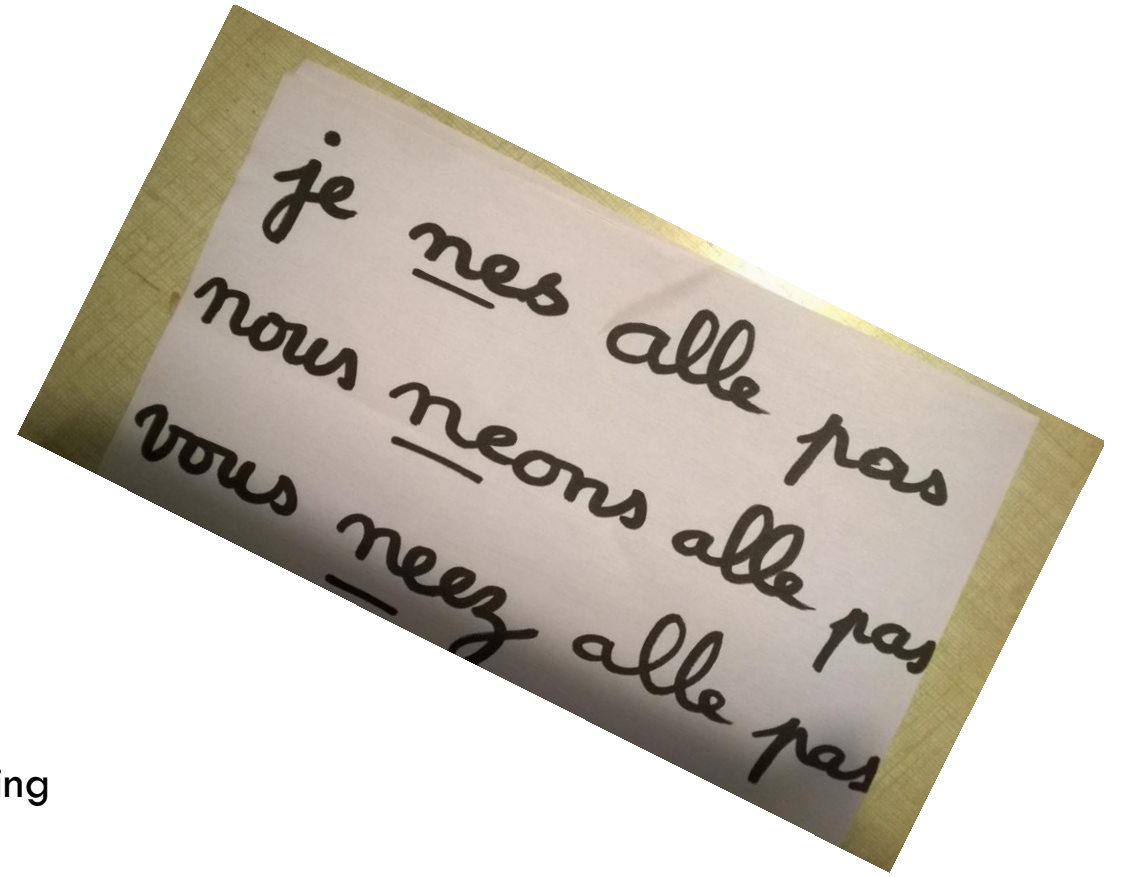
Finnish:

Some specific characteristics:

- 14 grammatical cases
- no masculine , no feminine
- linguistic flexion for negative sentences!
- transparent language: a way of saying/ a way of writing

A way of writing/ a way of saying

- regular spelling
- easy to pronounce for french people
- latin alphabet
- agglutinated words ( agglutinative language)



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**Tervetuloa**

**Mina olen Marie**

*Olen ranskalainen*

Assun LeMansissa

Minun amatti on Ranskanopettaja ulkomaalaisille

Suomea



## People speaking another language

No continuous specific device in Huittinen (small town with a low immigration rate)

But punctual device, if needed (subordinated on massive arrival)

Note : **adaptability and flexibility**, characteristic of the finnish educational system

Teachers training for such a specific work ?  
(profiles)

