

# Real Finnish

## supisuomea

A course in Finnish language and culture for foreigners

YLE's new series SUPISUOMEA is a beginners'/basic course in Finnish for foreign adults living in Finland. It is also suitable for students of Finnish abroad. Supisuomea helps you to deal with various everyday situations in Finnish. It also provides background information on Finnish society and culture. The programmes include literary and colloquial speech.

Each programme is hosted by a different presenter, a foreigner living in Finland, who also acts as an example to motivate students.

He or she also has the important job of demonstrating that foreigners can learn to speak fluent Finnish.

Each programme ends with a "soap" called *Elämä on mukavaa*. This section is for advanced students and for beginners keen to immerse themselves in Finnish.

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As a language, Finnish is different but far from impossible to learn!

The **basic language related scenes and dialogues** are short and concise, they go straight to the point, not avoiding, however, the so called difficult vocabulary or expressions.

The programme offers a great variety of natural speaking situations with a variety of Finns – young and old modern and traditional, representing various registers of speech. These little scenes are highlighted with **graphics** and repetitions.



Duration ◊ 12 x 30'

Production ◊ YLE

Producer ◊ Sini Sovijärvi

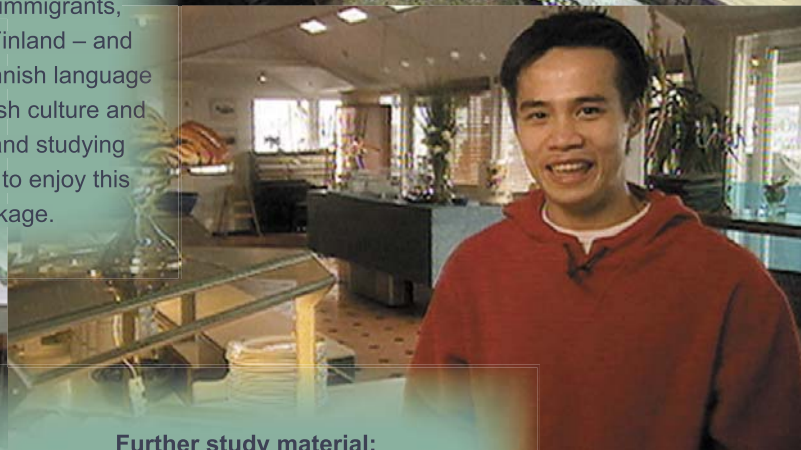
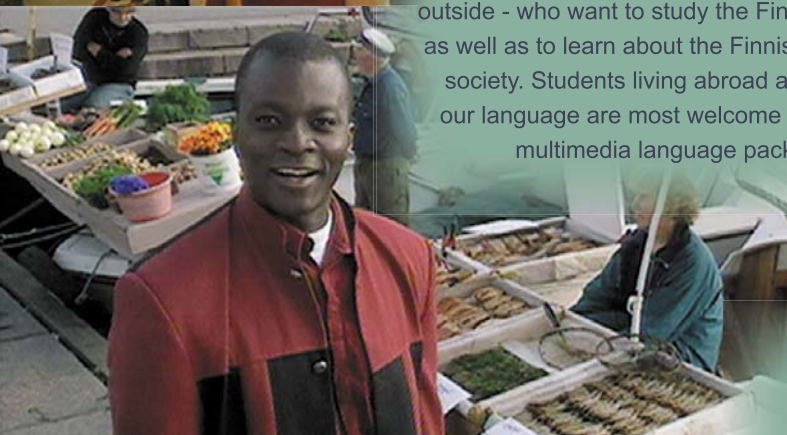
Executive producer ◊ Jaana Sormunen

Year of production ◊ 2003

Each programme also contains one or two **minidocumentaries** about different aspects of Finnish life, society and culture (family life, sauna, seasons, nature, technology, handicraft etc).

**Level:** beginners who wish to acquire basic language skills, to know how to get about in the Finnish society – in Finnish - how to run errands, how to shop, go to the bank, make simple conversation, make appointments etc.

**Target group:** adult students – immigrants, foreigners living and working in Finland – and outside - who want to study the Finnish language as well as to learn about the Finnish culture and society. Students living abroad and studying our language are most welcome to enjoy this multimedia language package.



**Further study material:**

- 12 x 30 min. television programmes
- a textbook (published by Finn Lectura)
  - accompanying audio cassettes
- a video (VHS) including the TV programmes, subtitles in English
- DVD (optional subtitles in eight languages: Finnish, English, Swedish, Estonian, Russian, German, French, Spanish),
- web material [www.yle.fi/supisuomea](http://www.yle.fi/supisuomea)

