

monopod = monopodi / (yksijalka)jalusta (Swe: enbent stativ / monopod)

zoom lens = zoom-objektiivi (Swe: zoomobjektiv)

ANIMALS \* COLORS / ELÄIMET \* VÄRIT / DJUR \* FÄRG

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ANIMALS, BIRDS, FISH, etc

bean goose = metsähänhi (Swe: sädgås)  
 bird = lintu (Swe: fågel)  
 brown hare = rusakko (Swe: fälthare)  
 bull = sonni (Swe: tjur)  
 calf = vasikka (Swe: kalv)  
 Canada goose = kanadanhanhi (Swe: kanadagås)  
 cat = kissa (Swe: katt)  
 chicken = kana (Swe: höna)  
 cow = lehmä (Swe: ko)  
 dog = koira (Swe: hund)  
 duck = ankka (Swe: anka)  
 fish = kala (Swe: fisk)  
 goat = vuohi (Swe: gät)  
 grey partridge = peltoppy (Swe: rapphöna)  
 grey seal = halli, harmaahylje (Swe: gråsal)  
 greylag goose = merihanhi (Swe: grågås)

heifer = hieho (Swe: kviga)  
 hare = jänis (Swe: hare)  
 horse = hevonen (Swe: häst)  
 lamb = karitsa (Swe: lamm)  
 ox = härkä (Swe: ox)  
 pig = sika (Swe: svin, gris)  
 rabbit = jänis (Swe: hare)  
 reindeer = poro (Swe: ren)  
 seal = hylje (Swe: säl)  
 sheep = lammas (Swe: får)  
 steer = nuori härkä (Swe: stut)  
 swan = joutsen (Swe: svan)  
 whale = valas (Swe: val)  
 wolf = susi (Swe: varg)

COLORS

black = musta (Swe: svart)  
 white = valkoinen (Swe: vit / vitt)  
 grey = harmaa (Swe: grå/grått)  
 red = punainen (Swe: röd/rött)  
 blue = sininen (Swe: blå/blått)  
 green = vihreä (Swe: grön/grönt)  
 yellow = keltainen (Swe: gul/gult)  
 orange = oranssi (Swe: orange / orange or: orangt,oranget)  
 brown = ruskea (Swe: brun/brunt)  
 purple = sinipunainen (or violetti) (Swe: violett)  
 beige = beige (Swe: beige / beige or: beig/beiget)  
 light blue = vaaleansininen (Swe: ljusblå/ljusblått)  
 pink = vaaleanpunainen, pinkki (Swe: ljusröd/ljusrött)

**Swedish has two grammatical genders - male and female. It has no neutral gender. Word endings depend on gender, and are thus important in Swedish.**

ALPHABET & PRONUNCIATION OF LETTERS IN WORDS

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Officially there are 28 letters in the Finnish alphabet. It is based on the Swedish version of the Latin alphabet.  
 The Finnish alphabet: **A, B, C, D E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, (W), X, Y, Z, Å, Ä, Ö,**  
 The **W** is an addition, and considered a variant of the letter **V**.

ALPHABET & PRONUNCIATION OF LETTERS IN WORDS

**A** = Like the letter U in the word "FUN", or like the sound you make at the doctors office when you are told to say: "Aaaaah!"  
**B** = Like in English.  
**C** = Like the English soft C. (i.e. like C in "Cinderella").  
**D** = Like in English.  
**E** = Like the letter E in the word "EVER".  
**F** = Like in English.  
**G** = Like in English, except; in non-borrowed, "real" Finnish words it exists only in the double consonant "NG". In that context it is pronounced like in the word "KING", for example.  
**H** = Like in the word "HAT"  
**I** = Like in the word "IN".  
**J** = Like the letter Y in the word "YOU".

**K** = Like the letter C in the word "CAT".  
**L** = Like in English.  
**M** = Like in English.  
**N** = Like in English. (Exeption: look at the letter "G" and the example of double consonant "NG").  
**O** = Like in the word "FOR".  
**P** = Like in English.  
**Q** = Like in English.  
**R** = Much harder than an English "R". (Try to imitate a drill sound with the letter R: just let it roll hard. If you whole jaw and head trembles, you have got it RRRRRRight on the money.)  
**S** = Sharper than its English equivalent.  
**T** = Like in English, but a tad softer. Sort of like in the word "TULIP"  
**U** = Like the letter U in the word "FULL".

**V** = Like in English.  
**(W)** = Like in English. (Occurs only in foreign words, or words with a foreign origin; the s.k. "borrowed" words).  
**X** = Like in English. (Occurs only in foreign words, or words with a foreign origin; the s.k. "borrowed" words).  
**Y** = Very approximately like the first sound in the expression "eeewww, gross!".  
**Z** = Sharper than its English equivalent. (Occurs only in foreign words, or words with a foreign origin; the s.k. "borrowed" words).  
**Å** = This is an O. Like the letter O in the word "TOP". (Å is really a Swedish letter, and not used in any original Finnish words).  
**Ä** = Like the letter A in the word "CAT".  
**Ö** = Approximately like the sound of the 2.nd "E" in the word "prefEe".

SWEET WORDS & PHRASES, mostly in romantic context

ENGLISH / FINNISH / SWEDISH

Love = Rakkaus  
 My love = Rakas (My) dear. (depending of context)  
 You are dear to me = Olet minulle rakas  
 My (own) love = Oma rakas, oma rakkaani  
 My love = Rakkaani  
 My beloved = Rakastettuni  
 I love you = Rakastan sinua  
 Heart = Sydän  
 My heart = sydämeni

I like you = Pidän sinusta  
 I like you a lot = Pidän sinusta paljon  
 You are beautiful = Olet kaunis  
 You are so beautiful = Olet niin kaunis  
 You have beautiful eyes = Sinulla on kauniit silmät  
 You are handsome = Olet komea  
 Dear, sweetie, my love = Kulta. (literally: kulta = gold)  
 Affectionate variations of "kulta" = Kultti, kulttu .

Romantic = Romanttinen  
 A romantic evening = Romanttinen ilta  
 A romantic dinner = Romanttinen illallinen  
 Atmospheric = Tunnelmallinen  
 Sentimental = Tunteikas  
 I miss you = Minulla on ikävä sinua  
 I would like to meet you = Haluaisin tavat sinut  
 I would like to see you again = Haluaisin tavata sinut taas

You are my heart = **Olet sydämeni**

Wonderful = **Ihana**

You are wonderful = **Olet ihana**

Amazing = **Ihmeellinen**

You are amazing = **Olet ihmeellinen**

You are important to me = **Olet tärkeä minulle**

You are the most important person in the world to me = **Olet minulle tärkein ihminen maailmassa**

Will you marry me? = **Menetkö kanssani naimisiin?**

Lets get married! = **Mennään naimisiin!**

or: Marry me = **Nai minut** (warning = if you get one letter wrong in the phrase "nai minut", you might be asking the other person for something (depending on your relationship) very inappropriate! :-)

Delightful = **Ihastuttava** (or " **ilahduttava** ", which is closer to delight or joy in general)

You are delightful = **Olet ihastuttava**

The evening was delightful = **Iltä oli ihastuttava**

Tender = **Hellä**

Tender = **Herkkä**

Tender moment = **Herkkä hetki**

Sweet = **söpö** (or **makea**, sweet tasting).

You are cute = **Olet söpö**

You are sweet = **Olet söpö, olet suloinen**

Sweetheart = **Sydänpöpseni, kultaseni** (not to be used casually)

I would love to see you again = **Minusta olisi ihana tavata sinut taas**

I would like to go on a date with you = **Haluaisin mennä kanssasi treffeille.**

[INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINNISH LANGUAGE](#) on Wikipedia.

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#### General about Finnish Cuisine and Helsinki Restaurants:

For years, Finland has been one of our top destinations partly because of its excellent and constantly evolving culinary scene, that encompasses not just the Scandinavian way of cooking, but also integrates international flavors and styles.

Every time we travel back to Helsinki, there is something new and exciting going on in the restaurant scene. The culinary know-how and the skill level of many of these chefs is truly impressive and often delights even the most demanding and spoiled patrons.

We live in New York and are spoiled rotten by the abundance of high culinary skills, both in "fancy" and casual restaurants here, but we still find dining in Helsinki restaurants quite enjoyable. And just like everywhere else, of course there are also bad restaurants in Helsinki. But to hear someone bash the culinary skills of all Finnish chefs, based on one or two bad experiences (or based on ignorance), is just plainly silly.



Restaurant Sasso on North Esplanade by the Market Square in Helsinki

**General about wine pricing in Helsinki Restaurants:**  
Be aware that Finnish restaurants generally appear to mark-up their wines to a higher degree than comparable American restaurants.

**Also good to know:** A smoking ban in Finnish restaurants took effect June 1st, 2007.

**Website feedback:** So many restaurants, so little time! Unfortunately we never have the time to explore all the splendid restaurants we would like to while in Helsinki. We would love to hear from fellow Helsinki travelers & foodies. Please let us know WHICH RESTAURANTS YOU HAVE ENJOYED IN HELSINKI

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