





**Talk a LOT!** Talk to your teacher, your classmates, or the waiter at the restaurant. Take advantage of every opportunity to practice speaking.

- **Repetition.** *Try to use what you learn in class right away and use it regularly.*
- **Don't be afraid to make mistakes!** You WILL say things incorrectly in the beginning. It's all part of the learning process!
- **Practice, practice, practice!** You can practice anytime, anywhere. Even if you are not reading, writing, or doing homework, you can make a conscious effort to practice.
  - Practice saying new words out loud
  - Find a Finnish radio station or look for songs on YouTube
  - Try watching a movie in Finnish
  - Go to public events and experience the culture

Most importantly, **HAVE FUN**! Learning a new language opens up many new doors for both professional development and new social experiences. Take advantage of all the opportunities that this will bring your way!

## Here are a few free resources for practice:

- Websites
  - o BBC Languages: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix/finnish.shtml</u>
  - Finnish Alphabet: <u>http://mylanguages.org/finnish\_alphabet.php</u>
  - Finnish for Travelers: <u>https://www.theintrepidguide.com/languages-hacks/finnish/#.YHnNWuhKhPY</u>
  - Finnish Grammar: <u>https://herfinland.com/finnish-grammar-for-beginners/</u>
  - Practice Quizzes: <u>https://testyourlanguage.com/finnish-quiz</u>
  - Finnish Radio <u>https://areena.yle.fi/audio/ohjelmat/yle-radio-suomi?\_c=yle-radio-suomi-helsinki</u>
  - o DuoLingo Desktop/Laptop: https://www.duolingo.com/course/fi/en/Learn-Finnish
- Cell phone apps:
- <u>Finnish by Nemo</u>
- Hello Talk