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You can also use this course if you have some previous knowledge of Finnish in order to revise and consolidate your language skills.

The language is taught in a cultural context as part of everyday life in Finland. The aim is to familiarize you with the Finns, their customs, the climate and the country.

The dialogues try, as far as possible, to reflect the kind of language appropriate to the subject of each unit. Therefore it is also necessary for you to learn to deduce the meaning of what is being said or to get the gist of the conversation. This is, after all, what you have to do in real life. You cannot know all the words and you have to use some guesswork. There is a vocabulary section with all the new words, but try not to become too reliant on it.

The first five units are a survival package. They give a basic introduction to the kind of language you need when you visit the country. Unit 1 covers introductions and greetings, which can be used by an occasional visitor to the country as well as by a more serious student of the language. In the later units you will become familiar with many aspects of Finnish life as well as the language.

