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## Typological and Historical Perspectives on Finnish Language

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What is Finnish like among the languages of the world?

How and why has Finnish become what is it?

A language of which J.R.R. Tolkien said: "Studying Finnish was like discovering a wine-cellar filled with bottles of amazing wine of a kind and flavor never tasted before. It quite intoxicated me."

Do you want to understand the ways of a Finnish language

- ♦ with no future
- ♦ with 15 cases
- ♦ with no grammatical gender and only one personal pronoun - that is gender neutral
- ♦ with truly rolling r's - just like pirrrates!
- ♦ in which "*epäjärjestelmällistyt tämättömyydellänsäk äänköhän*" and is one word, as is the "*hääyöaie*"

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