



LANGUAGE OF  
THE MONTH

FINNISH



- Finnish is spoken by about 6 million people worldwide, around 5 million of whom live in Finland itself. Other Finnish-speaking populations exist in Sweden, Russia, the USA, and Canada, amongst others.
- Finnish is one of the two official languages of Finland (the other being Swedish).

# DID YOU KNOW THAT FINLAND HAS GOT ONE OF THE BEST RECYCLING SOLUTIONS IN THE WORLD?

**Beverage container recycling programmes work well because of a monetary deposit system. Recovery rates are near 100 percent.**

[Hi-tech AI-powered robots are replacing recycling centre workers in Finland - Bing video](#)





## MERIMEKKO

RENOWNED FOR ITS ORIGINAL PRINTS AND COLOURS, THE FINNISH TEXTILE AND CLOTHING DESIGN COMPANY MARIMEKKO IS FOUNDED IN 1951 BY

VISIONARY DESIGNER ARMI RATIA AND HER HUSBAND VILJO.

ARMI ASKED SOME ARTIST FRIENDS TO APPLY THEIR GRAPHIC DESIGNS TO TEXTILES.

A photograph of two cyclists riding away on a gravel path through a lush green forest. The cyclist in the foreground is wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and grey shorts, with green panniers on their bike. The second cyclist is further ahead. The background shows rolling hills covered in dense green trees under a soft, overcast sky. The entire image is framed by a thin white border.

# LET'S LEARN FINNISH!

[Learn Finnish! Lesson 2: Greetings - Tervehdyksiä - YouTube](#)