



**1. Who is the national composer of Finland ?**

*Jean Sibelius*

*Kaija Saariaho*

*Mikael Agricola*

**2. Where in Finland can you find «joiku» singers ?**

*in Helsinki*

*in Lapland*

*in Pohjanmaa*

**3. Who is Karita Mattila ?**

*Finnish opera singer*

*Finnish javelin thrower*

*Finnish TV chef*

## 1. Jean Sibelius

*Jean Sibelius 1865-1957 is the most internationally well-known Finnish composer.*

## 2. In Lapland

*Joiku is a form of improvised song strongly linked with Saami culture.*

## 3. Finnish opera singer

*After winning the BBC singer of the world competition, Karita Mattila has become an internationally recognized artist in the leading opera houses of the world.*



1. **Which Finnish band won the Eurovision Song Contest 2006?**

*HIM*

*Lordi*

*PMMP*

2. **Which of these is a Finnish band?**

*Paramore*

*My Chemical Romance*

*Nightwish*

3. **Which Finnish artist won the first Finnish Idols competition?**

*Anna Abreu*

*Hanna Pakarinen*

*Maija Vilkkumaa*

## 1. Lordi

*Lordi is a hard rock band formed in 1986 whose trademark is their theatrical «monster» dress.*

## 2. Nightwish

*Nightwish is a heavy metal band formed in 1996 which combines a symphonic style with high vocals.*

## 3. Hanna Pakarinen

*Hanna Pakarinen won Finland's first Idols competition in 2004 and represented Finland in the Eurovision Song Contest with the song Leave me alone.*



**1. What is the Ateneum in Helsinki?**

*an opera house*

*an art museum*

*a health spa*

**2. Who is Alvar Aalto?**

*a Finnish composer*

*a Finnish actor*

*a Finnish architect*

**3. What is Iivana Helsinki?**

*a Finnish cinema*

*a Finnish shopping centre*

*a Finnish fashion house*

## 1. An art museum

*Ateneum Art Museum houses the largest collections of art in Finland, including the best loved Finnish masterpieces.*

## 2. A Finnish architect

*Alvar Aalto was a Finnish architect and designer. His work includes architecture, furniture, textiles and glassware.*

## 3. A Finnish fashion house

*Ivana Helsinki is a Finnish fashion company, founded by designer Paola Suhonen. In 2007 Ivana Helsinki was the first Finnish company ever to participate in the Paris fashion week.*



- 1. What Finnish city was the capital of culture in 2011 ?**

*Turku*

*Tallinn*

*Göteborg*

- 2. Which of these is the Finnish broadcasting company ?**

*FBC*

*MTV*

*YLE*

- 3. Where in Finland is the skiing World Cup Salpausselän kisat held ?**

*in Lahti*

*in Kuopio*

*in Rovaniemi*

## 1. Turku

*Turku has been the site of many important historical events and has extensively influenced Finnish history.*

## 2. YLE

*Finland's national broadcasting company, founded in 1926, shares many of the characteristics of its British counterpart the BBC.*

## 3. In Lahti

*The best ski jumpers, cross-country skiers and nordic combined athletes have come to Lahti for the FIS World Cup competition since it began 87 years ago.*





**1. What is the national epic of Finland?**

*Romeo and Juliet*  
*Homeronsoc.*  
*Kalevala*

**2. Who of the following, is a popular Finnish writer?**

*Hanna-Maria Seppälä*  
*Antti Tuisku*  
*Arto Paasilinna*

**3. Which Finnish author has written the acclaimed book «Purge»?**

*J.K. Rowling*  
*Sofi Oksanen*  
*Nora Roberts*

## 1. Kalevala

*The first edition of the Kalevala appeared in 1835, and was compiled and edited by Elias Lönnrot.*

## 2. Arto Paasilinna

*Arto Paasilinna, born in 1942, is best known for his novel in 1975 «The year of the hare».*

## 3. Sofi Oksanen

*Sofi Oksanen, a contemporary Finnish writer, has won international acclaim for her novel *The Purge*, which has been translated into 38 languages and staged in theatres around the world.*



**1. Which of the following is traditional Finnish food ?**

*rye bread, karelian pie, pea soup  
pizza, pasta, carrots  
sushi, mayonnaise, French fries*

**2. Which of these is a Finnish hamburger restaurant company ?**

*McDonalds  
Carrols  
Hesburger*

**3. Where in Finland can you eat fish pie ?**

*in Kuopio  
in Oulu  
in Joensuu*

**1. Rye bread, Karelian pie, pea soup**

*Particularly dark and fiber-rich rye bread is a staple part of Finnish diet.*

**2. Hesburger**

*Hesburger was founded in Turku. Today it is the largest Finnish hamburger restaurant chain.*

**3. In Kuopio**

*A Finnish fish pie, kalakukko, is made from fish baked inside a rye crust.*



- 1. In Finnish ancient religion, who is the god of forests ?**

*Pallas Athene*

*Merkurius*

*Tapio*

- 2. What is the dominant religion in Finland ?**

*Christianity*

*Islam*

*Hinduism*

- 3. What colours are in the flag of Finland ?**

*blue and white*

*blue and red*

*blue and yellow*

## 1. Tapio

*Tapio is an East-Finnish forest spirit or god, who figured prominently in the Kalevala.*

## 2. Christianity

*82,5 % of Finnish people are a part of the Lutheran church of Finland.*

## 3. Blue and white

*On a white background, Finland's flag features a blue Nordic cross, which represents Christianity.*



**1. What are the two official languages of Finland?**

*Finnish and Russian*

*Finnish and Swedish*

*Finnish and English*

**2. When did Finland become independent?**

*1837*

*1917*

*1956*

**3. How long does the sun shine in the North Pole at Midsummer?**

*5 hours*

*12 hours*

*24 hours*

## 1. Finnish and Swedish

*About 92 % of Finnish people speak Finnish and about 6 % Swedish as their main language.*

## 2. 1917

*Finland gained independence after being first part of Sweden and then Russia.*

## 3. 24 hours

*On summer solstice the earth is tilted toward the sun and the sun shines continuously at the north pole.*





**1. Where does Finnish Santa Claus live?**

*in Korvatunturi*  
*in Helsinki*  
*in Iso-Syöte*

**2. Which of the following is a popular Finnish mobile phone game?**

*Angry Birds*  
*Happy Lions*  
*Sad Puppies*

**3. What is the famous Finnish house of textile design?**

*Marimekko*  
*Versace*  
*Iittala*

## 1. In Korvatunturi

*Santa Claus lives in Finland near the Arctic Circle.*

## 2. Angry birds

*Angry Birds is a puzzle video game developed by Finnish computer game developer Rovio Mobile.*

## 3. Marimekko

*Marimekko is particularly known for its brightly-colored printed fabrics.*



- 1. What is the name of the Finnish mobile phone company?**

*Telefon*

*Nokia*

*Eriksson*

- 2. Which country shares the same National anthem as Finland?**

*Sweden*

*Lithuania*

*Estonia*

- 3. Finnish school children usually start school at which age?**

*at the age of 4*

*at the age of 6*

*at the age of 7*

## 1. Nokia

*Nokia corporation is a Finnish multinational communications corporation.*

## 2. Estonia

*The melody of «Maamme» is also used for the national anthem of Estonia with a similarly themed text.*

## 3. At the age of 7

*The majority of children participate in pre-school education which is not obligatory.*



1. How many Finns died in World War II?

*almost 100*

*almost 100 000*

*almost 5 million*

2. Which of the following countries has been at war against Finland?

*Soviet Union*

*Estonia*

*Spain*

3. How many world wars has Finland been involved in?

*0*

*1*

*2*

## 1. Almost 100 000

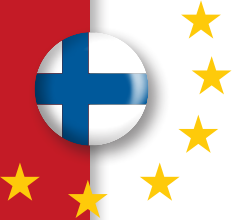
*97 000 Finns died in World War II.  
It was 2.62 % of the total population  
of Finland.*

## 2. Soviet Union

*Finland has fought against the Soviet  
Union in the Winter War (1939-1940)  
and in the Continuation War  
(1941-1944).*

## 3. 1

*Finland has been involved in World  
War II.*



**1. Has Finland ever been a monarchy ?**

*no*

*yes, once*

*yes, twice*

**2. Who was the first female president of Finland ?**

*Paavo Väyrynen*

*Tarja Halonen*

*Urho Kekkonen*

**3. How many presidents has Finland had since 1917 ?**

*2*

*12*

*57*

## 1. No

*Finland has never been an independent monarchy, but was under the monarchy of Sweden.*

## 2. Tarja Halonen

*Tarja Halonen was the 11th president of Finland. She was president from 2000 to 2012.*

## 3. 12

*The 12th president of Finland was elected in the spring of 2012.*





- 1. What did Nokia produce before it began to manufacture mobile phones?**

*dishwashers*

*rubber boots*

*bikes*

- 2. When was the Finnish Nokia company founded?**

*1865*

*2000*

*1805*

- 3. What did Jean Sibelius do for living?**

*he was a chef*

*he was a composer*

*he was a President*

## 1. Rubber boots

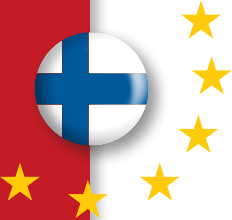
*Nokia is an old company, only its products have changed from rubber products to mobile phones.*

## 2. 1865

*Nokia is known for mobile phones, but its original line of business was manufacturing rubber products for example rubber boots.*

## 3. He was a composer

*Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) was a Finnish composer. His best known works are his seven symphonies.*



**1. When did Finland introduce the Euro ?**

*1990*

*1998*

*2002*

**2. What was Finland's currency before the euro ?**

*markka (mark)*

*peseta*

*dollari (dollar)*

**3. How many currencies has Finland had ?**

*2*

*11*

*1*

**1. 2002**

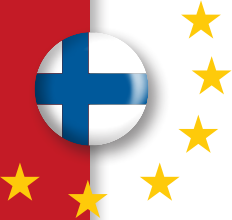
*Finland introduced the Euro in 2002.*

**2. Markka (mark)**

*The Finnish mark was used from 1860 to 2002.*

**3. 2**

*Finland has had only two currencies : Euro and Markka.*



- 1. When did women receive the right to vote in Finland ?**

*1850*

*1906*

*1971*

- 2. What year did Finland get its independence ?**

*1810*

*1917*

*1965*

- 3. When did Finland join the European Union ?**

*1900*

*2009*

*1995*

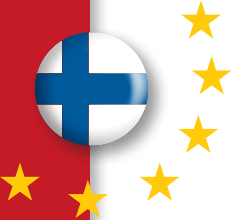
**1. 1906**

**2. 1917**

*Soon after Russia's collapse in 1917, Finland became independent.*

**3. 1995**

*In 1995 Finland joined the EU at the same time as Austria and Sweden.*



**1. How many countries have conquered Finland ?**

*20*

*10*

*2*

**2. When did Sweden dominate Finland ?**

*1000-1640*

*1150-1809*

*1900-1991*

**3. When did Russia dominate Finland ?**

*1000-1809*

*1600-1948*

*1809-1917*

**1. 2**

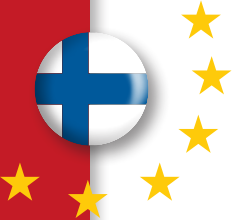
**2. 1150-1809**

*Finland was a part on Sweden for almost 700 years.*

**3. 1809-1917**

*When Finland was a part of Russia, Finland was known as the Grand Principality of Finland.*





**1. How many Finns have won the Nobel Prize ?**

*22*

*14*

*4*

**2. Which Finnish president won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008 ?**

*Barack Obama*

*Martti Ahtisaari*

*Eino Leino*

**3. What was the official language in Finland before Finnish ?**

*Russian*

*Icelandic*

*Swedish*

## 1. 4

*F.E. Sillanpää for literature in 1939,  
A.I. Virtanen for chemistry in 1945,  
Ragnar Granit for medicine in 1967,  
Martti Ahtisaari for peace in 2008.*

## 2. Martti Ahtisaari

*Martti Ahtisaari was awarded for his  
work in solving international conflicts.*

## 3. Swedish

*Finland was a part of Sweden for  
a long time and Swedish is still  
Finland's second official language.*



**1. When was the Finnish civil war?**

*1918*

*1978*

*2003*

**2. What was the Finnish Hakkapeliitta?**

*baker*

*politician*

*cavalry*

**3. Who was the president of Finland for over 25 years (1956-1982)?**

*Kustaa Vaasa*

*Urho Kekkonen*

*Tarja Halonen*

## 1. 1918

*Finland declared independence in 1917, and soon after that several disagreements led to civil war.*

## 2. Cavalry

*Finnish Hakkapeliittas fought in the Swedish army during the Thirty Year's war.*

## 3. Urho Kekkonen

*Urho Kekkonen was the eighth president of Finland and served the longest.*



**1. Which countries belonged to the Kalmar Union?**

*Denmark, France, Germany*

*Denmark, Sweden, Norway*

*China, Russia, Japan*

**2. What «cocktail» did Finns use as a weapon during the Winter War?**

*Molotov cocktail*

*Lenin cocktail*

*Ribbentrop cocktail*

**3. Which woman was the ruler of the Kalmar Union?**

*Masa I*

*Margaret I*

*Elizabeth II*

## 1. Denmark, Sweden, Norway

*Kalmar Union was in operation from 1397 to 1523, when Finland was a part of Sweden.*

## 2. Molotov cocktail

*Molotov cocktail is a petrol bomb, which the Finns named after Molotov, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs during the Winter War.*

## 3. Margaret I

*Margaret I (1353-1412) founded the Kalmar Union and held power until her death.*



1. Which of the following has been invented in Finland?

*xylitol chewing gum*

*ballpoint pen*

*coca-cola*

2. How old is the oldest university in Finland?

*almost 100 years*

*over 370 years*

*over 1000 years*

3. When did Finland become a member of the United Nations?

*1945*

*1955*

*1965*

## 1. Xylitol chewing gum

*Finns found health benefits in xylitol in the 1970ies and the candy factory Leaf put xylitol in their chewing gum.*

## 2. Over 370 years

*The oldest university is the University of Helsinki. It has been in Helsinki since 1829, but it was founded in Turku in 1640.*

## 3. 1955

*Finland has been a member of the United Nations for almost 60 years.*





1. In which of these countries was sauna invented?

*Iceland*

*Finland*

*Russia*

2. What tooth friendly invention did the Finns make in the 1970's?

*xylitol*

*toothbrush*

*dental floss*

3. Which one of these games was invented in Finland?

*Tetris*

*Counter-strike*

*Angry Birds*

## 1. Finland

*Although some studies claim that it was the Russians who first invented it.*

## 2. Xylitol

*Finnish xylitol-based chewing gum is highly recommended by dentists.*

## 3. Angry Birds

*Angry birds is a mobile game created by a Finnish entertainment media company called Rovio.*



- 1. In which of these countries does Santa Claus live?**

*Germany*

*United Kingdom*

*Finland*

- 2. Where is the head office of the mobile company Nokia?**

*in Finland*

*in Spain*

*in Russia*

- 3. Where is the Moomin world located?**

*Estonia*

*Finland*

*Sweden*

## 1. Finland

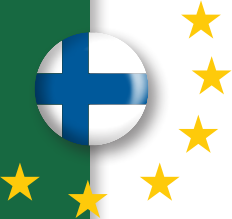
*Santa Claus symbolises the Finnish Christmas.*

## 2. In Finland

*Nokia is a Finnish international telecommunications company.*

## 3. Finland

*Moomin World is a theme park for children based on the Moomin books.*



**1. Does Finland have a...**

*dictator*

*king*

*president*

**2. What animal is in Finland's coat of arms?**

*a camel*

*a lion*

*an elephant*

**3. Which of these was invented in Finland?**

*dynamite*

*AlV-fodder*

*a wheel*

## 1. President

*There have been eleven presidents in Finland.*

## 2. A lion

*The origin is not known for sure.*

## 3. AIV-fodder

*AIV-fodder is a kind of silage which is especially important animal feed during long winters.*



**1. Which of these was invented in Finland ?**

*pastilles*

*xylitol-chewing gum*

*machine-gun*

**2. Which of these was invented in Finland ?**

*heart rate monitor*

*clock*

*digital clock*

**3. How many lakes are there in Finland ?**

*187,888*

*226,156*

*102,698*

## 1. Xylitol-chewing gum

*Xylitol is used around the world, mainly as a sweetener in chewing gums.*

## 2. Heart rate monitor

## 3. 187,888

*In Finland, there are many lakes and rivers.*





**1. Which of these was invented in Finland ?**

- chocolate*
- salt liquorice*
- fruit candy*

**2. Which of these was invented in Finland ?**

- white bread*
- whole bread*
- rye/black bread*

**3. What is the population of Finland ?**

- 5.4 million*
- 4.8 million*
- 9.4 million*

## 1. Salt liquorice

*Salt liquorice, also known as salmiakki was invented in Finland.*

## 2. Rye/black bread

*In Finland people eat lots of rye/black bread.*

## 3. 5.4 million

*More than one million people live in the capital area of Helsinki.*



**1. Which are the official languages of Finland?**

*Finnish and Swedish*  
*Finnish and Russian*  
*Finnish and Estonian*

**2. How are the people of Finland called?**

*Finished*  
*Finns*  
*Funs*

**3. How many islands does Finland have?**

*89,000*  
*154,000*  
*179,000*

## 1. Finnish and Swedish

*Finnish and Swedish are the national languages of Finland.*

## 2. Finns

*The term Finn is used in English to mean a native or inhabitant of Finland.*

## 3. 179,000

*Most of these are inhabited and with a road connection to the mainland.*



1. How long is the coastline of Finland?

*3,400 km*

*4,600 km*

*5,200 km*

2. How old do you have to be in Finland to drive a car?

*16*

*18*

*21*

3. What ingredient does a Finnish person usually use in his food?

*pasta*

*potato*

*tomato*

**1. 4,600 km**

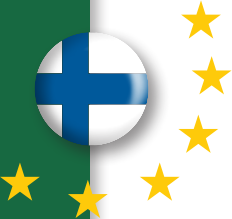
*Most of the Swedish speaking Finns live on the coastline.*

**2. 18**

*18 is the official age of an adult in Finland.*

**3. Potato**

*Potatoes are the most commonly cultivated root in Finland.*



**1. What is Finland's longest river?**

*Kymijoki*

*Kemijoki*

*Aurajoki*

**2. Which of these is a popular Finnish television program?**

*Salatut Elämät*

*The Bold and the Beautiful*

*Svenska Hollywoodfruar*

**3. Which of the following was a Finnish girl band?**

*SikSak*

*TikTak*

*NiksNaks*

## 1. Kymijoki

*Kymijoki is 204 kilometers long.*

## 2. Salatut Elämät

*Salatut Elämät (« Secret Lives »)  
is a Finnish soap opera, whose first  
episode was aired in 1999.*

## 3. TikTak

*TikTak was a Finnish music group  
consisting of six school girls.*





- 1. Which of the following is not Finland's neighbouring country?**

*Sweden*

*Denmark*

*Norway*

- 2. What eye colour do Finns usually have?**

*brown*

*green*

*blue*

- 3. How long is the Finnish school day for 7-year-olds?**

*3 hours*

*6 hours*

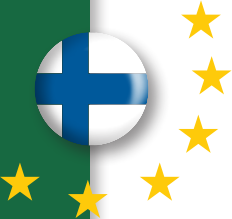
*4 hours*

**1. Denmark**

**2. Blue**

**3. 4 hours**

*The school day is usually from 8 until 12, including a short lunch break.*



**1. What do Finnish school children eat during the school day?**

*packed lunch*

*free meal provided by school*

*they go home to eat*

**2. What do Finnish children wear to school?**

*own clothes*

*school uniform*

*snow suits are compulsory*

**3. How many languages do all school children study in Finland?**

1

2

3

**1. Free meal provided by school.**

*School meals are paid for by the government.*

**2. Own clothes**

*Finland is very easy going about dress in school.*

**3. 3**

*The main three languages are Finnish, Swedish and English.*



**1. Where in Finland can you find polar bears ?**

*all over Finland*

*only in Lapland*

*we don't have polar bears in Finland.*

**2. How many neighbouring countries does Finland have ?**

*3 (Sweden, Russia, Norway)*

*2 (Sweden, Russia)*

*4 (Sweden, Russia, Norway, Estonia)*

**3. What is the hottest recorded temperature in Finland ?**

*27 degrees Celsius*

*37.2 degrees Celsius*

*32.8 degrees Celsius*

**1. We don't have polar bears in Finland.**

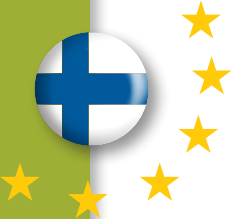
*Polar bears do not live in Finland, their habitat is found in colder areas of the Arctic circle.*

**2. 3 (Sweden, Russia, Norway)**

*Finland's longest border is with its neighbour Russia.*

**3. 37.2 degrees Celsius**

*The hottest recorded temperature was measured at Joensuu Airport, in Liperi, on July 29th 2010.*



**1. What is the coldest recorded temperature in Finland?**

*minus 29 degrees Celsius*

*minus 47 degrees Celsius*

*minus 51 degrees Celsius*

**2. Where can you see the Northern lights?**

*in Lapland*

*in fairytales*

*in Finnish books*

**3. How many hours do bears sleep during winter?**

*all the time*

*about 14 hours per day*

*about 20 hours per day*

## 1. Minus 51 degrees Celsius

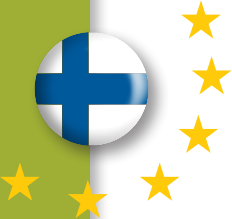
*The coldest temperature ever in Finland was measured in Kittilä, in January 1999.*

## 2. In Lapland

## 3. All the time

*Bears sleep throughout the winter and do not eat or drink during that time.*





**1. What is Finland's national bird?**

*pidgeon*

*eagle*

*swan*

**2. How big is Finland in square kilometres?**

*140,000 km<sup>2</sup>*

*340,000 km<sup>2</sup>*

*540,000 km<sup>2</sup>*

**3. What percentage of Finland's land mass is lakes?**

*10%*

*23%*

*8%*

## 1. Swan

*The Whooper swan is Finland's national bird and is amongst the largest flying birds.*

## 2. 340,000 km<sup>2</sup>

*Finland is the sixth largest country in Europe.*

## 3. 10%

*On average, there are 40 lakes per 100 square kilometres in Finland.*



- 1. Where in Finland is the official national landscape ?**

*Lahti*

*Koli*

*Saimaa*

- 2. Which of the following are the original Finnish people ?**

*People of Saame*

*Eskimos*

*Inkas*

- 3. What is the national fish of Finland ?**

*perch*

*salmon*

*pike*

## 1. Koli

*The landscape of Koli has been the inspiration for many of Finland's best known artists, such as Järnefelt and Sibelius.*

## 2. People of Saame

*The Saame people are the Arctic indigineous people, who live in the very north of Finland, Sweden, Norway.*

## 3. Perch

*The largest Perch ever caught in Finland was in the year 1905. It weighed 27 kilos.*



**1. What is the largest sea adjacent to Finland?**

*Bay of Bothnia*

*Baltic sea*

*Mediterranean Sea*

**2. What is the most common vegetation in Finland?**

*marshland*

*birch and pine forest*

*woodland/copse*

**3. What is the highest point in Finland?**

*Salpaus ridge*

*Halti*

*Ruka*

## 1. Baltic sea

*The Baltic sea is bounded by Scandinavia, the mainland of Europe and the Danish islands, altogether about 8000 km of coastline.*

## 2. Birch and pine forest

## 3. Halti

*The Finnish landscape is fairly flat, but the highest point, Halti is found in the north on the border with Norway.*



**1. What is Finland's largest lake ?**

*Lake Inari*

*Lake Saimaa*

*Lake Kallavesi*

**2. What is the oldest city in Finland ?**

*Turku*

*Helsinki*

*Lahti*

**3. From which country is the largest ethnic minority in Finland ?**

*Russia*

*Estonia*

*Afganistan*

## 1. Lake Saimaa

*At approximately 4,400 square kilometres lake Saimaa is the fourth largest lake in Europe.*

## 2. Turku

## 3. Russia

*Ethnic minorities in Finland form approx 4% of the population.*





**1. What is the most popular way to wash oneself in Finland?**

*roll in the snow*

*go to the sauna*

*take a Turkish bath*

**2. What is Finland often called?**

*Land of the rising sun*

*Land of a thousand lakes*

*Land of the big bear*

**3. Which group of islands belongs to Finland?**

*Iceland*

*Saarenmaa (Saaremaa)*

*Ahvenanmaa (Åland)*

## 1. Go to the sauna

*The sauna is a traditional part of Finnish culture and there are over two million saunas in Finland.*

## 2. Land of the thousand lakes

## 3. Ahvenanmaa (Åland)

*Åland is a group of islands close to Sweden and form a Swedish speaking region of Finland.*



- 1. What unusual phenomenon can be seen in mid-winter in Lapland?**

*Santa Claus's flying reindeers*  
*sunshine*  
*Northern Lights*

- 2. What is the most common tree in Finland?**

*birch*  
*pine*  
*spruce*

- 3. Which of the following doesn't change its colour in winter?**

*squirrel*  
*duck*  
*rabbit*

## 1. Northern lights

*The Northern lights or Aurora Borealis can be seen in Lapland in Winter.*

## 2. Pine

*Finland has the largest area of forest in Europe and over half of it is Pine forest.*

## 3. Duck

*Rabbits change their colour to white and squirrels change their colour to light grey for the winter.*



- 1. What animal appears on the Finnish euro?**

*swan*  
*stork*  
*crane*

- 2. What is the closest related language to Finnish?**

*Estonian*  
*Korean*  
*Hungarian*

- 3. How high is the highest point in Finland?**

*1,324 m*  
*5,157 m*  
*818 m*

## 1. Swan

## 2. Hungarian

*Finnish is a member of the Finno-Ugrian group of languages, which includes Estonia.*

## 3. 1324 m

*The highest point in Finland is Halti in northern Lapland.*



**1. What kind of forest is most common in Finland?**

*pine forest*

*tundra*

*mixed leaf forest*

**2. What date is Finnish Independence Day?**

*December 6th*

*November 5th*

*January 1st*

**3. What is the length of the coastline in Finland?**

*1160 km*

*1250 km*

*6006 km*

## 1. Pine forest

*Over half of Finland's forest is Pine forest.*

## 2. December 6th

*Finland became independent of Russia in 1917.*

## 3. 1250 km

*Finland's coastline joins the Bay of Bothnia, the Baltic sea and the Gulf of Finland.*





- 1. Which of the following is a popular winter sport in Finland?**

*reindeer fighting*

*snowball fight*

*skiing*

- 2. When did Finland host the summer Olympic Games?**

*1896*

*1952*

*2008*

- 3. What animal is depicted in the Finnish ice hockey team's logo?**

*a polar bear*

*a lion*

*a reindeer*

## 1. Skiing

*Especially cross-country skiing is popular in Finland, since there are no big mountains for down-hill skiing.*

## 2. 1952

*The Olympic Stadium in Helsinki was originally built for the 1940 Olympic Games, but they were cancelled due to World War II.*

## 3. A lion

*The Finnish men's national ice hockey team is called the Lions (Leijonat in Finnish).*



1. **Who of the following is a famous Finnish racecar driver?**

*Mikko Hirvonen*

*Lordi*

*Tanja Poutiainen*

2. **Who of the following is a famous Finnish javelin thrower?**

*Lasse Viren*

*Angry Birds*

*Tero Pitkämäki*

3. **Who of the following is a famous Finnish ski jumper?**

*Janne Longjumper*

*Janne Ahonen*

*Janne Winner*

## 1. Mikko Hirvonen

*Mikko Hirvonen is a Finnish professional rally driver, born in 1980.*

## 2. Tero Pitkämäki

*Tero Pitkämäki is the bronze medallist in Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.*

## 3. Janne Ahonen

*Janne Ahonen, a former Finnish ski jumper, is one of the world's most successful athletes.*



1. How often has Finland won the Ice Hockey World Championship?

0  
2  
10

2. In which sport has Finland NOT won the world championship?

*ice hockey*  
*American football*  
*floorball*

3. When was Finnish baseball (pesäpallo) invented?

*in the early 18th century*  
*in the early 20th century*  
*in the early 21st century*

## 1. 2

*The Finnish men's national ice hockey team has won the world championship in 1995 and in 2011.*

## 2. American football

*The Finnish men have won the world championship twice in ice hockey (1995, 2011) and twice in floorball (2008, 2010).*

## 3. In the early 20th century

*Finnish baseball is quite different from the American version, but it is very popular in Finland.*



**1. What country won the ice hockey World Championship in 2011 ?**

*Finland*

*Sweden*

*Norway*

**2. Who is Mikko Koivu ?**

*a Finnish hockey player*

*a Finnish football player*

*a Finnish basketball player*

**3. Which of the following sports is NOT played in winter in Finland ?**

*ice hockey*

*golf*

*ringette*

## 1. Finland

*The Finnish men's national ice hockey team has won the world championship in 1995 and in 2011.*

## 2. A Finnish hockey player

*Mikko Koivu is a Finnish professional ice hockey center player and the captain of the Minnesota Wild of the NHL.*

## 3. Golf

*Due to the weather conditions, golf cannot be played in Finland in winter.*





**1. Who is Lasse Virén ?**

*a pilot*

*a runner*

*a basketball player*

**2. Who is Finland's most successful athlete at the Olympic Games ?**

*Sami Hyypiä*

*Kimi Räikkönen*

*Paavo Nurmi*

**3. How many World Rally Championship titles does Finland have ?**

*5*

*13*

*118*

## 1. A runner

*Lasse Virén is a former Finnish long-distance runner, who won four gold medals at the 1972 and 1976 Olympics.*

## 2. Paavo Nurmi

*During the 1920's Paavo Nurmi was the best middle and long distance runner in the world with his 9 Olympic gold medals.*

## 3. 13

*Finland has won 13 official World Rally Championship titles since 1979.*



**1. Who was Finland's first moto-GP world champion?**

*Jarno Saarinen*

*Mika Kallio*

*Keke Rosberg*

**2. Who is Jari Kurri?**

*an ice hockey player*

*a javelin thrower*

*a basketball player*

**3. What position does Miikka Kiprusoff play in ice hockey?**

*defender*

*right wing*

*goalkeeper*

## 1. Jarno Saarinen

*Jarno Saarinen (1945-1973) was a Finnish Grand Prix motorcycle road racer who died in Monza whilst racing.*

## 2. An ice hockey player

*Jari Kurri is a former Finnish professional ice hockey right winger and a five-time Stanley Cup champion.*

## 3. Goalkeeper

*Miikka Kiprusoff is a Finnish professional ice hockey goalkeeper currently playing for the Calgary Flames of the NHL.*



**1. Which famous Finnish footballer played in Liverpool 1999-2009?**

*Hannu Tihinen*

*Sami Hyypiä*

*Mikael Forssell*

**2. How often has Finland hosted European Champs in Athletics?**

*4 times*

*3 times*

*once*

**3. Who is Jari Litmanen?**

*a football player*

*a hockey player*

*a formula one driver*

## 1. Sami Hyypiä

*Sami Hyypiä played 318 matches in Liverpool and was the captain of the team.*

## 2. 3 times

*Finland has hosted the European Championships in Athletics in 1971, 1994 and 2012.*

## 3. A football player

*Litmanen's career has run from 1989 to date, making him the only football player to play internationally in four different decades.*



**1. Where in Finland can you ski in the summer?**

*in the glaciers*

*in the ski tunnels*

*in the central park of Helsinki*

**2. When was the first Europe Figure Skating Champs held in Finland?**

*1798*

*1898*

*1998*

**3. Which Finnish ski jumper won 4 golds at the Olympics in 1988?**

*Urho Kekkonen*

*Tarja Halonen*

*Matti Nykänen*

## **1. In the ski tunnels**

*There are several ski tunnels in Finland.*

## **2. 1898**

*The first European Championships in figure skating was held in Hamburg, Germany in 1891.*

## **3. Matti Nykänen**

*Matti Nykänen is one of the most successful ski jumpers in the world.*





- 1. Which of these does NOT belong to Finnish baseball equipment?**

*helmet*

*baseball gloves*

*punching bag*

- 2. Which of the following sporting events is held in Finland?**

*swamp football*

*bull running*

*human towers*

- 3. Which of the following sports is popular in Finland?**

*scuba diving*

*orienteering*

*rugby*

## 1. Punching bag

*The basic equipment in Finnish baseball are helmet, bat, gloves and special shoes.*

## 2. Swamp football

*The world championships in swamp football is held annually in Finland since 2000.*

## 3. Orienteering

*Many people do orienteering to enjoy the nature. It can be done in winter too, with skiing equipment.*



**1. How many Olympic gold medals did Paavo Nurmi win?**

0

9

15

**2. Where in Finland is the Olympic Stadium?**

*in the North Pole*

*in Turku*

*in Helsinki, the capital city*

**3. How often has the Finnish football team played in the World Cup?**

0

1

3

## 1. 9

*During the 1920's Paavo Nurmi was the best middle and long distance runner in the world.*

## 2. In Helsinki, the capital city

*The Olympic Stadium was originally built for the 1940 Olympic Games, but they were cancelled due to World War II.*

## 3. 0

*The Finnish national team of football has never managed to participate in the World Cup finals.*