

## Living in two languages in Finland

What's it like to live in a place where people speak two languages? Watch this video to learn what some people in one town in Finland think.

### Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

#### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

##### Vocabulary

1. ..... to switch between
2. ..... to spice with
3. ..... a perfect match
4. ..... to be surrounded by something
5. ..... super welcoming
6. ..... eager to do something
7. ..... to get to know somebody
8. ..... somebody's place

##### Definition

- a. very excited to do something
- b. something that combines well with something else
- c. to add something interesting to
- d. very friendly to visitors or new people
- e. to slowly learn more about somebody
- f. to have something on all sides
- g. a person's home
- h. to change from one thing to another

#### Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	<b>Answer</b>	
1. In Finland, there are two official languages.	True	False
2. The mayor of the town is unwilling to change the languages on the road signs.	True	False
3. Finnish has more words to speak about snow than Swedish.	True	False
4. The woman who moved to the town has difficulty communicating.	True	False
5. People in the town were friendly with the woman who moved there.	True	False
6. When the woman visits her family, she is happy not to hear Swedish.	True	False

**Task 2**

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

place	spiced	surrounded	switch
welcoming	match	get to know	eager

1. If you are ..... by people, there are people all around you.
2. When you spend a lot of time with somebody, you ..... them.
3. The people who work in that restaurant are super ..... They are always happy to see us.
4. The library is closed, but don't worry. We can study at my .....
5. This dessert is delicious! It's ..... with cinnamon.
6. In some parts of Finland, people ..... between Finnish and Swedish when they speak.
7. My brother is ..... to see that new film.
8. My grandparents are a perfect ..... They have been happily married for 50 years.

**Discussion**

How many languages do people speak where you live?

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. h
2. c
3. b
4. f
5. d
6. a
7. e
8. g

### Task 1

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False

### Task 2

1. surrounded
2. get to know
3. welcoming
4. place
5. spiced
6. switch
7. eager
8. match