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).

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<th>Vocabulary</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>1. ...... to switch between</td>
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<td>2. ...... to spice with</td>
<td>b. something that combines well with something</td>
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<td>3. ...... a perfect match</td>
<td>c. to add something interesting to</td>
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<td>4. ...... to be surrounded by</td>
<td>d. very friendly to visitors or new people</td>
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<td>something</td>
<td>e. to slowly learn more about somebody</td>
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<td>5. ...... super welcoming</td>
<td>f. to have something on all sides</td>
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<td>6. ...... eager to do something</td>
<td>g. a person’s home</td>
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<td>7. ...... to get to know somebody</td>
<td>h. to change from one thing to another</td>
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<td>8. ...... somebody’s place</td>
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Task 1
Are the sentences true or false?

1. In Finland, there are two official languages.  
   Answer: True

2. The mayor of the town is unwilling to change the languages on the road signs.  
   Answer: False

3. Finnish has more words to speak about snow than Swedish.  
   Answer: True

4. The woman who moved to the town has difficulty communicating.  
   Answer: False

5. People in the town were friendly with the woman who moved there.  
   Answer: False

6. When the woman visits her family, she is happy not to hear Swedish.  
   Answer: True
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