

One World Many Stories Finland Program

Language:

- Hello – Hei (high)
- Thank You – Kiitos (KEE-tohs)
- Goodbye – Näkemiin (NAH-ke-meen)
- No – Kielto
- Yes – Kyllä
- Book - vihko

Food

- Finnish food is very similar to Swedish food. One main difference is that Finnish tends to be more plain and unsweetened.
- Lots of fruit in Finland – wild raspberries and strawberries, cranberries and blueberries are favorites.

Activity/Craft:

- Himmeli – Straws and String – www.elsiemarley.com/tag/straw

Games:

- Crab Ball Tag - separate sheet

Facts:

- Apart of the Russian Empire until 1917.
- They began using the Euro as their currency in 2002
- Finland has 187,888 lakes and 179,584 islands.
- Forest covers 86% of Finland, making it the largest forested area in Europe
- Finland is one of the only countries that surface area is expanding. It adds and 2.75 miles of land every year.
- Finnish kids go to school from ages 7 to 16 years. Afterwards, they can either enter the work force, go to trade school or gymasiums (high school) which prepares them for tertiary education (college). Tertiary education is free with a focus on profession-oriented polytechnics or research-oriented universities. More than 30% of graduates are in the science field.

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