

LESSON NOTES

# Learn Finnish in Three Minutes #1

## Self-Introductions

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The focus of this lesson is Self Introduction in Finnish

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## Topic 1: How to introduce yourself in an informal situation

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Sentence from the lesson:

*Hei, minun nimeni on Paula. Hauska tutustua.*  
"Hi, I'm Paula. Nice to meet you."

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2. Start by saying: *Hei, minun nimeni on...*
3. Say your name. *Hei, minun nimeni on Paula.*
4. You say *Hauska tutustua.*

## Topic 2: How to introduce yourself in a formal situation

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Sentence from the lesson:

*Hyvää päivää. Minun nimeni on Paula Laamanen. Hauska tutustua.*  
"Good day, my name is Paula Laamanen. Nice to meet you."

1. *Hei* has been substituted with the formal greeting *hyvää päivää*, Finnish for "good day."
2. *Minun nimeni on Paula* has not been changed; in both cases, *minun nimeni on* means "my name is," however, during a formal self introduction, we also say our last name, so I said *Paula Laamanen*. Here, you would say your full name.
3. Finally, *hauska tutustua* is the same for both. This phrase means "nice to meet you."

## Language Tip!

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When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands and use *hauska tutustua* after saying your name. If you're concerned about politeness, even *hei* is polite enough in the Finnish business world. In fact, if you speak too formally, people will think you sound unnatural. In Finland, simple is best!