

Fifteen Fiendish Phrases

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RULES OF THE GAME

So you think you know Finnish, eh?

Well step right up and prepare yourself to become disillusioned! What you will encounter here is unlike anything you have experienced in your linguistic career and will bring you to the brink of a mental breakdown! Your frayed mind will be wrapped into knots, unable to parse even the simplest structures! You will weep in agony as you cower before the impossibilities of the Finnish language!

Anyway.

The rules of the game are quite simple: Consider the English verbs on the left and translate them into Finnish. But beware: While an English word may have multiple correct translations, I am looking for a single specific Finnish verb. Which one? Well, maybe you can figure out a pattern to help you out! And if you need some help, don't be afraid to look at some hints :)

English word	Want to cheese it? Here are some hints! <small>-1 point!</small>	Finnish word	points
to choose	I choose a cheese.	valita	2
to complain	I complain about the cheese.	valittaa	2
to avoid	I avoid cheese.	välttää	2
to trickle	Fondue trickles from the bread.	valua	2
to flash	The cheese-shaped lamp flashes.	välähtää	2
to mediate	I mediate an exchange of cheese.	välittää	3
to cast	I cast sculptures. Made of cheese.	valaa	3
to be conveyed	The history of Parma is conveyed to the tourist.	välittyä	3
to drain	I drain the whey from the mozzarella.	valuttaa	3
to conquer	The Germans conquer Gouda.	valloittaa	3
to prevail	A cheesy smell prevails.	vallita	4
to be exposed	The photograph of cheese is exposed to light.	valottaa	4
to fall	The slimy cheese falls from my hand.	valahtaa	4
to overrun	The cheese factory is overrun by rats.	vallata	4
to clarify	This clarifies why I camembert learning Finnish.	valottaa	4

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