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## Lesson 2: Say "You're Welcome" in Finnish Ole hyvä.

### LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson, we'll continue to learn more phrases that will help you with basic etiquette. Finns are very hospitable. They use phrases of gratitude quite often. Even though you may not get the chance to use *ole hyvä* (the phrase for "You're welcome") during your trip to Finland, there's a very good chance you'll hear it. So let's have a closer look at it! In Finnish, "You're welcome" is *Ole hyvä*. *Ole hyvä*. Let's break it down by syllable: O-le hy-vä. Now let's hear it once again: *Ole hyvä*. The expression *ole hyvä* literally means, "Be good." Here, the *ole* is an imperative form of the verb *olla* ("to be"). Let's break down this word and hear it one more time: *Ole hyvä, ole hyvä*. You can also respond to someone who has thanked you by using *eipä kestä*. This means, "It's nothing" (*Eipä kestä*). Let's break it down by syllable: Ei-pä kes-tä. Now let's hear it once again: *Eipä kestä*. You might hear sometimes *olkaa hyvä* or *olkaa hyvät*. *Olkaa hyvä* is a politer form of *ole hyvä*, used for one person, often for elderly people. Its plural form *olkaa hyvät* is used when talking to more than one person. Let's break it down by syllable: Ol-kaa hyvä. Now let's hear it once again: *Olkaa hyvä*. Let's break down by syllable the plural form as well: Ol-kaa hy-vät. Now let's hear it once again: *Olkaa hyvät*. You probably remember *hyvä* from our last lesson. It means, "good," and its plural is *hyvät*. *Olkaa* is a second person plural of an imperative form of the verb *olla* ("to be"). Remember, *eipä kestä* means, "It's nothing," and *olkaa hyvä* means, "You're very welcome." Of the expressions we have seen, please keep in mind that we can use *ole hyvä*, and *eipä kestä* in any situation, formal or informal, while *olkaa hyvä* and *olkaa hyvät* tend to show up in more formal occasions. "You're Welcome." 3sec *Ole hyvä Ole hyvä Ole hyvä* "It's nothing." 3sec *Eipä kestä Eipä kestä . Eipä kestä*. "You're very welcome." 3sec *Olkaa hyvä. Olkaa hyvä. Olkaa hyvä* "You're very welcome." (plural) 3sec *Olkaa hyvät Olkaa hyvät*

### PHRASES

Finnish	English
<i>Ole hyvä.</i>	You're Welcome.
<i>Eipä kestä.</i>	It's nothing.
<i>Olkaa hyvä.</i>	You're very welcome.
<i>Olkaa hyvät.</i>	You're very welcome. (plural)

## VOCABULARY

<b>Finnish</b>	<b>English</b>
hyvä	good
ei	no

## QUICK TIP

The word *ole hyvä* has more than one use. We had a look at one of them today. When you want to say, "You're welcome," *ole hyvä* can be used as a set phrase after *kiitos*. The second meaning of *ole hyvä* is "please," or "here you go, there you go," and can be used as an example when giving or offering something to somebody, or when asking somebody to do something.