How to support your child's

Portuguese language

development in Finland?

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Olá! Moi! Hola! Hello! Hej!

My name is Luciana.

- From Rio de Janeiro/Brazil
- In Finland since 2017
- Mother of a smart and beautiful bilingual child
- Teacher of Portuguese Language
- Lifelong learner and coffee lover

Portuguese Language Teachers Association in Finland (APPF)

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- Cooperation with teachers, institutions and families
- Promotion of the Portuguese as a pluricentric language
- Support to research and activities related to the language and its cultures.

What’s your goal with teaching your child your own mother tongue?

Minority language learning: *exposure* and *need*

"Getting varied and regular exposure to a language is one important thing, but the best way to learn it is to **practise as much as you can and have meaningful**, **real-life interactions**."

(Source: PEaCH for bilingual children, 2020)

Where?

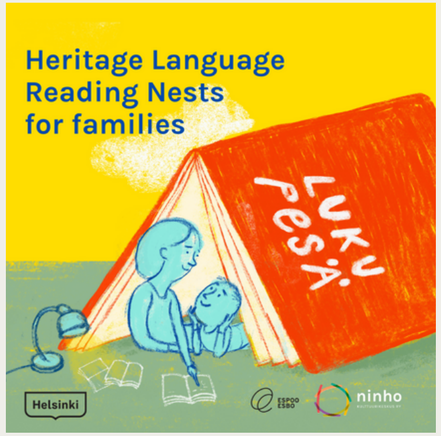
Home

Playtime, music, dance, phone or video calls with family, movies, etc.

Books

Read, read, read!

Helmet libraries have a diverse collection of children's book including hundreds of books in Portuguese! **Lukupesä** offers training sessions on how to find these books and also storytelling meetings in Portuguese.



Brazil-Finland Cultural Center (CCBF)

- Friday's language club for children (0-7y)
- Portuguese language lessons for children/teenagers
- Cultural events and parties (festa junina, Christmas parties, Carnival, capoeira events, etc.)
- Art exhibitions

Centro Cultural Brasil-Finlândia

Oma äidinkielen opetus

Mother tongue learning in the municipalities

According to the Finnish Constitution, everyone living in Finland has the right to maintain and develop their own language and culture.
Cities in Finland organize mother tongue lessons as supplement to basic education.

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Mother tongue learning in the municipalities - School year 2021-2022

City	Teacher	Group	Contact
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Lahti	*Soon*		Pasi Salmi, pasi.Salmi@lahti.fi

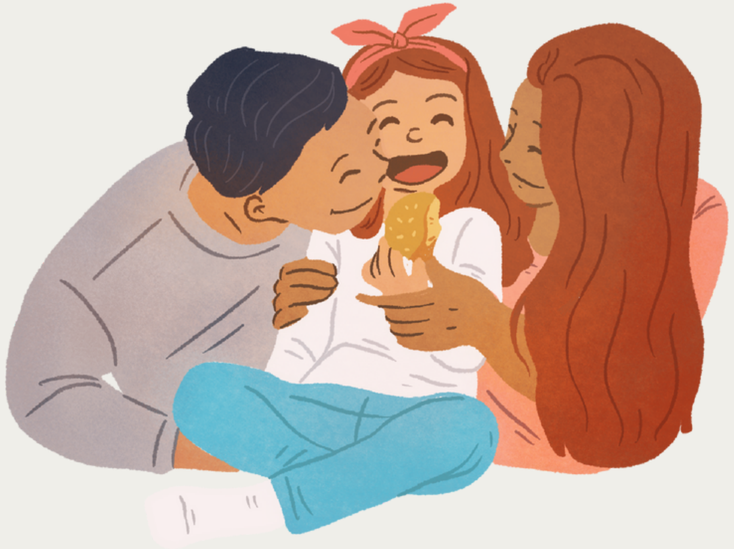
1. It is free of charge.
2. Lessons are not mandatory, but commitment is expected.
3. Lessons are usually in the afternoon.
4. Student has to be living in the city.
5. Minimum of students to form groups. Inform to the school IN ADVANCE your interest in the lessons.

Important

about the mother tongue lessons in Finnish basic schools

Embrace your child's plurilingualism

and be proud of what you all have achieved so far.



Thank you! Obrigada! Kiitos!

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- Centro Cultural Brasil-Finlândia (CCBF) - https://www.facebook.com/ccbfhelsinki/
- How to raise a bilingual child? Guide to support parents and educators - https://bilingualfamily.eu/