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Question 45: Finished with Finnish (20 pts)

Finnish is spoken by about five million people worldwide, mostly in Finland. It is unrelated to English, but closely related to Karelian and Estonian. One of the most obvious grammatical differences between Finnish and English is the large number of cases – distinct forms that a noun may take according to how it fits into the overall meaning of the sentence, used in places where English uses prepositions such as ‘in’ or ‘of’. For instance, to say ‘in Turku’ they use what is called the ‘inessive’ (‘in-being’) case of the name *Turku*, and to say ‘of Turku’ they use the genitive, *Turun*. The challenge in this problem is to work out the rules for forming inessive and genitive forms. All the nouns in the table below are regular, and illustrate some (but by no means all) of the rules. English translations are given for your information, but have no bearing on the solution.

Pronunciation guide: *j* is pronounced like ‘y’ in *yes*

y is a vowel pronounced like *u* in French or *ü* in German: like the ‘ee’ in *seem* but with lips rounded

ä is a vowel pronounced like the *ä* in German, a long open ‘e’

a double letter indicates that the sound is pronounced long

Meaning	basic form	inessive	genitive
basket	<i>rove</i>	<i>ropeessa</i>	
bath	(a)	<i>kylvyssä</i>	
bit	<i>bitti</i>	<i>bitissä</i>	
coat	<i>takki</i>	<i>takissa</i>	<i>takin</i>
cupboard	(b)	<i>kaapissa</i>	(c)
dollar	<i>dollari</i>	<i>dollarissa</i>	<i>dollarin</i>
forest	<i>metsä</i>	<i>metsässä</i>	(d)
handle	<i>ripa</i>	<i>rivassa</i>	<i>rivan</i>
house	<i>talo</i>	<i>talossa</i>	<i>talon</i>
library	<i>kirjasto</i>	<i>kirjastossa</i>	<i>kirjaston</i>
material	<i>vaate</i>	(e)	<i>vaatteen</i>
medicine	<i>lääke</i>	<i>lääkkeessä</i>	
mother	(f)	<i>äidissä</i>	
need	(g)	<i>tarpeessa</i>	
rat	<i>rotta</i>	(h)	
stick	<i>keppi</i>	(i)	
street	<i>katu</i>	<i>kadussa</i>	
thinker	(j)	<i>älykössä</i>	<i>älykön</i>
Turku (a city in Finland)	<i>Turku</i>	(k)	<i>Turun</i>
vision	<i>näky</i>	<i>näyssä</i>	

Write the Finnish words (a) to (k) in your answer book.