

ENGLISH – SOTHO

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abandon	-lahlai/-nyahlatsa/-tēla	accuse	-qosai/-nqosai
able able (was...)	-kgōna o nē a kgōna	accustomed (make...) accustomed (be...) accustomed (become...)	-tlwaëtsa -tlwaëtsé -tlwaëtla
abode	bodulō (ma-)	acquaint	-tlwaëtsa
above	hodimo	action	këtsö (di-)
abundance	nala	actually	hanl'lentlā
accelerate	-phakisa	add	-ëkëtsa
accept	-amohēla accept (a gift)	address	atêrësë (di-)
accident	kötsi/köduwa (di-)	adjective	lekgëthi (ma-)
acclimatise	-tlwaëtsa acclimatised (become	adj conc c/ 2 adj conc c/ 5, 6	ba lē, a
accompany	-tëlhëtsa	admire	-boha -boha naha
accomplish	-phëtha	adore	-boha

adorn	-kgabisa	alcohol	tahi
advantage	molemô (me-)	alcoholic drinks	dimô tsé tâhang
advise	-élësa	all	-hlé
aeroplane	seføane (di-)	all the people	batho böhlé
afraid (become)	-tshaba	all the cattle	dilgömo tsöhlé
Afrikaans Afrikaner	Seburu Leburu (Ma-)	all the old people	maqhëku öhlé
after	hoba	all the earth	lefatshe löhlé/mobu wöhlé
afternoon (late)	mantsiboya	allow	-dumëlla
again	hapè-boëla	allow (while he did not	a sa dumëlle baſerekyi
again (he spoke)	a boëla a bua	... rebels)	mong tö!
aged (person)	leqhëku (ma-)	already	se
agent	agèntë (di-)	already (they have.	ba së ba nkilé
agree	-dumëla	taken)	
agree (while he did not) a sa dumëla	sepheð/malkëmìsëtsö	although	leha
aim	möya (me-)	although it is so	leha ho le jwalo
air		amputate	-poma
		amuse	-habisa
		amuse (oneself)	-ihabisä
		analyse	-manolla
		analysis	manollö

ancient (in . . times)	boholoholo	answer!	araba!
and	le	answer (you should) answer ye!	o arabé arabang!
and (conj)	mme	answer me	nkarabé
anger	bohalé/matérèbé	answer (to/or)	-arabèla
		mang kapa mang	
angry (be . .)	-halefilé	anybody	-haha
angry (with oneself)	-ikgalatése		-hahéla
angry (become . .)	-halefa		
animal	phôðòfòlò (di-)	appear	tjhadiméhò
animal (non-carnivorous . .)	nyamatsane (di-)	appear	apole (di-)
announce	-isebisa	appearance	leétsétsi (ma-)
announcer	sebohodi (di-)	apple	
anoint	-illölsa	applied (. . verb)	
anoint (oneself)	-illölsa	appreciate	-amanèla
		approach	-atamèla
another	-sele	apricot	apolekòse (di-)
another man	monna osele		
another axe	selépè sesele		
another thing	nlhò è ngwe		
another	-mngwei-ng	April	Mmësa
another man	monna è mong	argue	-nganga
another axe	selépè sè seng	arm	letsòhò (ma-)
answer	karakò (di-)	arrive	-fihla
			-fihlié

as	jwalē ka	at	at	ka-
ascend	-nyoloha	at the river	at the river (they play)	ka nokëng ba bapala ka nokëng
ash	molôra (me-) leholo (ma-) thotobolo (di-)	attach		-hakellâ/-qhwâlla
ash	ash (black)	attack	attack (Chaka did	-futuhêla/-kgorohêla him)Chaka ha a ka a mo futuhêla
ash	ash heap			
aside	thokô			
ask	-botsa	attention	attention (pay .)	hlôkô -ela hlôkô
ask	ask for			
asked	-kopa/-qêla/-botsëtsa			
asked	asked (be .)			
asked	asked (has been .)			
askew (adv)	ka lekêkê	auctioneer		-ratêha -kgabisa
assess	lerumô (ma-)	August		mofantisi (ba-)
assess	-hlahloba/-lekanya	author		Phatô
assess	-ihlahloba	authority		mongödi (ba-)
assist	-thusa			matla/borêna
assist	thusô (di-)			Lehwëtla
association	mokgallô (me-)			Autumn
astonish	-maka/sa			avenge avenger
astonished	astonished (become. .)			-lefâtsa malefâtsane
astonished	astonished (be-)			-phêma avert

avoid

*phēma/-qō̄ba

ball

bōlō (di-)

axe

selēpē (di-)

bank (river)

lebopō (ma-)

bank

banka (di-)

B

baboon

kōlōbētsa

baptise

kōlōbētso (di-)

baptism

bara (di-)

baboo

tshwēnē (di-)

baby

lesea (ma-)

back

mokōkōtlō (me-)

bad

-be/lkgōpō

bad road

tsela è mpe

bad person

motho ya kgōpō

Bafokeng

(the . tribe)

Bafokēng

bag

mokölla (me-)

Bahlakwana

Bahlakwana

bake

-bakal-apēha

Bakubung

Bakubung

Bakwēna

Bakwēna (tribe)

Batshwēnēng

(the)

Batshwēnēng

Batshwēnēng

Batswana (the .)	Batswana	become -ba	ho ba monna ba (e)ba batho ba hae
battery	bētēri (di-)	become a man (to)	
bead	sefaha (di-)	become his people (they)	
bean	nawa (di-)	bed bed (in/on the)	bēthē (di-) bethäng/-robētse
beard	tēdu (di-)		
beast	sebata (di-)	bed (of flowers) bed (in the .)	seralswana (di-) seralswaneng
beat	-hlola -hlolwa	bee	nōtshi (di-)
beat	beaten (be .)	beer	jwala (ma-)
beat	-shapa	beet(root)	bete
beautiful	-tlē	beg	-qāla
beautiful car	kötjë ē ntłē	beget	-tswala/-hēlēha
beautify (oneself)	-intłafatsa	begin	-qala/-simolla
beauty	boltē	beginning	qalō
beauty	A! boltē bö bokaalö!	beginning (in the)	qalöng
beautiful (clothes)	bokgabane		
because	majabajaba	behind	(ka) mora/ka morao
because of this	hobane ka lebaka lēna	being (ident. cop. participial)	e le

believe	-kgôlwa/-dumêla	birth	tswalô/pêlêhô
believe what he says	-kgôlwa sö a se buang	birth (give)	-bêlêha
believe in witchcraft	-dumêla bolöi		
believe erroneously	-hloma	black	-tsho
belly	mpa (di-)	Black people	batho ba Batsho
bench	banka (di-)	blame	-nyatsa
besides	-ntle	blanket	kobô (di-)
besides Jimmy	ka ntłe ho Jimmy	blanket (made of sacks)	lekgenya (ma-)
bestiality	bophôôfôlô	blesbok	nônë (di-)
between	maharëng	blinded (v)	-lahia
between them	maharëng a bôna	blinded (become..)	-fahlehâ
beware	-hökômêla	blind (person)	seföfu (di-)
bewitch	-loya	Bloemfontein	Mangaung
Bible	Bibile (di-)	blow (nose)	-mina
big (adj stem)		blue	-tala
big	-holo	blunt	-nthithi
biggish	-kgolo	body	mmele (meb-)
biltong	-kgolawanyane	body (in the)	mmeleñg
bind	schwapa (di-)	boerewors	hôrösö (di-)
bird	-tlamal-bôfa	boil (of porridge)	-pjatla
	nônyana (di-)		

boil (of liquids)	-bela	brazier
book book (in the)	buka (di-) bukëng	bread
border	moëdi (me-)	break broke broken (become) broken (is. . .)
borrow	-adima	
borrower	maodimi (ba-)	breakfast
boulder	lefika (ma-)	breath
boundary	moëdi (me-)	bridge bridge (at the. . .)
box	lebhökse (ma-)	brick
	lebhökse la pôsö	
bowel	lela (ma-)	bridle
boy	moshemane (ha-)/ moshanyana (ha-)	bright (adj) bright (be. . .)
braid	-loha -lohëla	bring bring up brought up
branch	lekala (ma-)	broad (rel)
brave (man)	kgalala (di-)	brook
bravery	bohale	broom
		lefielö (ma-)

bruise	-phumola bruised (become...)	bus	bëse (di-) bëseng
brush	-phumoha	bush	moru (me-)
bucket	bërðsöldö	but	empa
buffalo	kgamélö (di-)	butter	bötörð (di-)
bug	nare (di-)	buy	-éka
build	tshitshidi (di-)	buy (for buy (for oneself)	-ékela -ékela -ithékela
build	-haha	bought	-ékilé
build (for/on behalf of)	-hahélä	bought (has been)	-ékilwé
built (was...)	-hahilwé	bought (be .)	-ékwa
builder	seahi (di-)		
building	moahö (me-)		
bull	pðöhö (di-)		
bungalow	röntabolö (di-)		
burn (v)	-tjhäl-tjhesa	cabbage	khabetjhe (di-)
burned	-tjhelþ	cafe	khëfi (di-)
burned (be...)	-tjhëswa	cafe (at/in the)	khëfing
burst	-qhomma	cake	kuku (di-)
bury	-épél(a)-pata	Caledon (river)	Mohökare
bury oneself	-ipata		

calf	namane (di-/ma)	car	car (motor . .)
call (v)	-bitsa	care	care (take. .)
call (him)	minisa	care	cared (be for)
called	-bitsisë	carefulness	carefulness
call (one another)	-bitsana	caress	caress
call (for)	-bitsëisa	carnivore (wild)	carnivore (wild)
called (being. . .)	-bitswa	carrot	carrot
camera	khémëra (di-)	carry	carry (cause to. .)
camp	lampa (di-)	case	case (court. . .)
camp (at the. .)	kampöng	can	can sing (they. . .)
		ka.	ka.
		ba	ba ka bina
canary	(swere (di-)	ba	ba ka bina
cannibal	ledimo (ma-)	ba	ba ka bina
Cape Province	Kölbni	ba	ba ka bina
Cape Town	Kapa	ba	ba ka bina
capital	motsemoholo (me-)	cast (v)	cast (be. . .)
capture	-hana	cast	cast (was. .)
captured	-hapilë	cat	cat
		case	case (perf. -sikëre)
		car	car (perf. -sikëre)
		care	care (perf. -sikëre)
		careless	careless
		carrot	carrot
		carry	carry (perf. -sikëre)
		case	case (perf. -sikëre)
		cast	cast (perf. -sikëre)
		cat	cat (perf. -sikëre)
		case	case (perf. -sikëre)
		car	car (perf. -sikëre)
		care	care (perf. -sikëre)
		careless	careless
		carrot	carrot
		carry	carry (perf. -sikëre)
		case	case (perf. -sikëre)
		cast	cast (perf. -sikëre)
		cat	cat (perf. -sikëre)

catch	-nanabëtsa/-nanabéla	cheat cheat
cattle	këbëmo (di-)	cheese
cause (v)	-baka/-qala	cheetah
cause (n)	lebaka (ma-)	chemist
causative (verb)	leëisisi (ma-)	chest
cave	leahaha (ma-)	chief
cavity	leahaha (ma-)	chieftainess
certain	-ngwe batho ba bang	child
certain people	ruri	childhood
certainly		children
chafe	phumola	bana
chafed (become)	phumoha	ditjhipisi
chair	setulë (di-)	chips
chameleon	leëbu (ma-)	choose
change	-fëtola/-fetoha	-këgëtha
changed (be. .)	-fëtolwa	chop chop (...for/on behalf of)
chaos	mofererefere (me-)	chopped chopped (be. .)
chat	-qôqa/-huisana	chopped (has been.) -riëngwa -riëngwë

Christ	Kerēsetē	-hlwa
Christ (Jesus)	Jesu Kerēsetē	-hwē'a
christian	mokerēsetē (ba-)	-hwēlla
christianity	bokerēsetē	-mamarēla/-kgomarēla
Christmas	Kerēsemese	
church	kärēkē (di-)	clock
church (to/at the)	kärēkēng	close (adv)
circumvent	-pōta	close (to)
citizen	moahi (ba-)	close (v)
civilization	{swēlōpele	close the book
clad	-apēre	cloth
	-llēlapa	clothes
	llēlapa (ma-)	clothes (beautiful.)
clay	-hlwēkilē	clothing
	llēlapa (ma-)	cloud
clean (adj)	-hlwēkilē	coal
clean (v)	-hlwēkisa	coat
clean (become...)	-hlwēka	coax
clean (is...)	-hlwēkilē	-qēkisa
clear (become..)	-lotobala	cock
clear (be)	-bōnahala	mokoko (me-)
clear up	-sa	
cleared (has .)	-selē	co-existence

coffee	köfî (di-)	commerce	bohwëbi
coil	-hara	compare	-lekanya/-tshwantsha
coil (oneself)	-ikgara	compensate	-putsa
cold	seramê (di-)	compensation	pusieltsö (di-)
cold (be...)	-bata	complete (v)	-phætha
cold (it is...)	ho a bata	complete (be .)	-fellëse
cold (feel...)	-hatsëla	comprehension	kullwisisö
collect	-bokëlla	conceal	-pata
collect money	-bokëlla tjhëlëtë	conceal (oneself)	-ipata
college	khbletihe (di-)	conceive	-ëmara
colour	mmala (meb-)	concern (v)	-amai/-toba
come	-lla (pass. -lluwa)	concerning	ha e le
come ye!	flëng!	concerning his work,	ha e le mosëbëtsi wa hae,
come from	-lswa	he is good	o a o tseba
comfort	matshedisö	conclude	-qëtëlla
comfort (v)	-tshedisa	condition	boëmô (ma-)
command (v)	-laëla	conduct (v)	-bintsha
command (oneself, i.e. do own will)	-itaëla	conduct (n)	boitshwarô
command	taelö (di-)		
commandment	molað (me-)		

conference	phu th hēhō (di-)	conversation	moqōqō (me-) /puisanō (di-)
confusion	mo ^{ter} refere (me-)	cook	-phēha/-apēha
congregation	phu th hēhō (di-)	cook for	-phēhēla
conquer	-holā/-fēkisa	cook for oneself	-ipphēhēla
conquered (be.)	-holwa	cooked (be.)	-phēhwa
consider	-nahana/-tadima	cool (become)	-phōlā
consonant	tumammōhō (di-)	cool (is)	-phōdilē
conspire	-kunuta	copulative	leba
constitution	mola th hēō (me-)	copulative (associative. .)	leba-kamanyō /lerui la
contact (v)	-kōpana	correct	kamanyō
contact (kindly. . .)	-ikopanyē le. . .	cough	mohala (me-)
contact (n)	kamanō (di-)	coughs (he still. . .)	-lokisa/-laya/-nēpisa
continue	-iswēla pele	could	hōhlōla
contract (v)	-finyētsa/-honyēla	could I please pass	o sa hōhlōla
contract (n)	konteraka (di-)/boitlamō	kē	kē
control	-laola	count	a nkē ke setē
control (self.)	boitshwarō	count for	-bala
converse	-qōqa	counted (be. .)	-balla
		count (cause/teach to)	-balwa
		count (together/into)	-badisa
		counted (be for)	-baellā
			-ballwa
			naha (di-)/lefatshe (ma-)

courage	<i>bohalē/sebete</i>	crocodile	<i>kwēna</i> (di-)
course (in due . .)	<i>ha mmila o puta</i>	crook	<i>senokwane</i> (di-)
court	<i>letkgolla</i> (ma-)	crooked	<i>-kgōpō</i>
court (v)	<i>-bonya</i>	cross	<i>sefapanō</i> (di-)
court-yard	<i>lebala</i> (ma-)	cross (become .)	<i>-halefa</i>
cousin	<i>motswala</i> (bo-)	cross (become . with oneself)	<i>-ikgalefēla</i>
cover	<i>cover the car</i>	crown	<i>korōne</i> (di-)/ <i>kgare</i> (di-)
cow	<i>-kwahēla</i>	cruel	<i>lonya/kgōpō</i>
crab	<i>-kwahēla kōlōj</i>	crush	<i>-biaratšal-pilla</i>
crave (for. .)	<i>lekgalā</i> (ma-)	cry	<i>-lla</i>
crawl	<i>-labalabēla</i>	cunning	<i>masēnē</i>
crawl	<i>crawl (towards)</i>	cup	<i>kōpi</i> (di-)
create	<i>-kgasa</i>	cup (in. .)	<i>kōping</i>
created (have. .)	<i>-kgasētsa</i>	cushion	<i>mosamō</i> (me-)
Creator	<i>-bopa</i>	custom	<i>moëtlō</i> (me-)
cripple	<i>-bopiliē</i>	customs (old .)	<i>boholoholo</i>
	<i>-bopjwa</i>		
	<i>Mmōpi</i>		
	<i>seholē</i> (di-)/ <i>seritsa</i> (di-)		
		cut (beard, hair, etc)	<i>-kuta</i>

cut	cut (into small pieces)	-séha	dassie
cut off	-beka		
cut open	-poma		
	-qhaqha		
cutlery	mpihane	letsatsi (ma-	
cutlery (the . shines)	mpihane e a bënya	day	daughters
		day (before yesterday)	daughter
		day (after tomorrow)	daughters
		day (some...)	daughter
dam	letamo (ma-)	day	days (nowa-)
damage (v)	-senya	daybreak (before)	daybreak
damage (n)	tshenyéhélō (di-)	daytime	daytime
	tshenyéhō/kötisi		
dance (v)	-lantsha/-hobèla	dead (person)	dead
dance (n)	mohobélō (me-)	death	death (apparent)
danger	kötisi (di-)	debt	debt
	dikötisi di në di le ngata		
	many . . .		
darkness	leifi (ma-)	December	Tshitwë
dart (about)	-ijhalaka		
		decent (<i>adj</i>)	-kgabane
		decent person	kgabane (di-)

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deceit	thätsö	descend	-thäohâla
deceive	-thätsa	descend (a hill)	-thëosa
decide	-ëtsa qetô	desire	-lakatsa
decide	-kgabisa	desire much	-labalabâla
decorate	-fokotsëha	destroy	-senya/-ripitta
decrease	-tebilë	die	-shwa
deep	-leba	die (they will...)	ba tla shwa
deep (become...)	molsheô	die (cause to...)	-shwesa
deep (inside)		differ	-fapana
deed	këtsü (di-)	difference	tsë fapaneng
defend	-ëmëla	difficult	-phapang (di-)
defend oneself	-ikemëla	difficult work	boima/thata
delay (v)	-diêha	difficult (it is...)	mosëbësi ð boima/thata
delirious (be...)	-phofa	dig	ho boima/thata
deliver (baby)	-bëlëha	dig in	-lhekai/-ëpa
demolish	-qhaqhæ/-heletsa	Dihöja	-ëpëla
department	lefapha (ma-)	Dihöja tribe	Dihöja
depict	-ishwantsha	diligence	kgothalô/mafolofolo
deposit	-bëhëtëtsa	diligent	-kgothëtse
		diligent (become...)	-kgothala
		diminish	-fokotsëha

direct	-laëtsa	distance	<i>boholë/sebaka</i>
direct (towards)	-lëbisa	distress (v)	-tsiëtsa
direction	nqa (di-)	distress (n)	tsiëtsi (di-)
direction (northerly)) nqa ya Leboya	ditch	<i>lengôpê (ma-</i>
disappear	-nyamëla/-dikëla	divide	<i>arola</i>
disappear (<i>ideophone</i>)	mph!	divided (be)	<i>arohane</i>
discriminate	-kgëtholla	division	<i>lekala (ma-</i>
discuss	-qoqa	do	<i>ëtsa</i>
dish	sejana	do (for/on behalf of)	-ëtsëtsa
dish-cloth	fa'uku (di-)	does (what she...)	seo a se ëtsang
dish up	-tshola	done (be . .)	-ëtswa
disinclined (feel)	-tswafa	doctor	<i>ngaka (di-)</i>
dislike	-nenä	dog	<i>mja (di-)</i>
disliked	-nennä	donga	<i>lengôpê (ma-</i>
dismantle	-qhaqha	donkey	<i>tötki (di-)</i>
disorder	hlakantsutsu	don't	<i>se kë</i>
disperse	-qhalai-hasanya	door	<i>monyakô (me-)</i>
dispute	<i>kgang</i> (di-) <i>-phëha kgang</i>	doorway	<i>monyakô (me-)</i>

doubt (<i>v</i>)	-belaēla	Puputla
doubt (<i>n</i>) doubt (there is no...)	pōtang/pelaēlō ha ho pōtang	Driver drop drop (into/for)
dragon	kgödumōdumō (di-) Maloti Maloting	drunkenness dry (become . .) dry tree dry grass (in veld) dry up
draw	-nīshai-tshwantsha	duck (wild. .) duck (<i>v</i>) dump (<i>v</i>)
dream (<i>v</i>)	-jōra	dung (loose. .) dust (<i>n</i>)
dream (<i>n</i>)	tōrō (di-)	duty
dress (<i>v</i>) dressed dressed (well.)	-apara -apēe -kgabane	dwelling
dress (<i>n</i>)	mose (me-)	dwindle
drink	-nwa	
drink (cause to.)	-nwesa	
drunk (be . by)	-nowa ke	
drink (<i>n</i>) drink (alcoholic)	senō (di-) senō sē tahang	
drive	-kganna	

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eagerness	tjheséhô	education
eagle	ntsú (di-)	egg
ear	tséhê (di-)	eighteen
early (in the morning)	hoséng/ madungwadungwane	eighth
earth	lefatshe (ma-) / mobu (me-)	eland
ease	bonôlô habonôlô	elder
easily		electricity
East	Botjhahêla	elephant
Easter	Pasêka	elevate
eat	-ja	eleven
eaten (has/have . .)	-jelê	eloquence
eat (cause to . .)	-jesa	eloquent speaker
eaten (be . .)	-jewa	elsewhere
eat (make oneself . .)	-itjesa	hosele
eater	moji (ba-)	embarrass
educate	-ruta	embrace
educated (become . .)	-rutêha	end (v)
educated (be . .)	-rutêhilê	-fêla/-fêdisa

end (<i>n</i>)	qet̪ellō/mathethō	escape (<i>v</i>)	-phonyohal-phema
enemy	sera (di-)	especially	haholoholo
engine	moljhini (me-)	essay	moqđoqđo (me-)
engineering	boënjinjñeri	etcetera	jwälö-jwälö
England	Engälane	Europeans	ba baswëu
England (Queen of)	Molutumahadi wa Engälane	evening (early .)	mantsiboya
English	Senyesemane	evening	phirimana
English culture	Senyesemane	eventually	kgabareng
engulf	-kwahélai-kwenya	everywhere	höhlië
enjoy (oneself)	-ithabisä	exactly (these days)	hôna mehlëng èna
enter	-këna	examine	-hlahloba
entered (has)	-këne	examine (oneself)	-ilhahloba
enter (cause to.)	-kënya	example	mohlala (me-)
enter (be caused to .)	-këningwa	excellence	bokgabane
entrance	kgôrô (di-)	except	-nlë bihlë ka nlë ho...
equal (be .)	-lekana	except (all)	-baka
equal (make)	-lekanya	excite	lesoba (ma-)
error	phosö (di-)		
escape (an)			

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excrement	mokota (me-)		
excrete	-nyal-nyèla		
excuse (n)	lebaka (ma-)		
exhibition	pöntshô (di-)	fable	tshomô (di-)
expect	-lebella	face	sefahlêhô (di-)
expectation	tebellô (di-)	faint	-akgêha
expedition	letsholô (ma-)	faint (cause to .)	-sarêla
expense	tshenyêhêlô (di-)	faith	tumèlô (di-)/bodumèdi
expensive	-turu	faithful	-tshêpahala
expert	setsebi (di-)	fall	-wa
explain	-halosa	fall into	-wêla
explain to	-halosetsa	family	lelapa (ma-)
explains (which. .)	-ho halosang	famine	tlala
explanation	thalosô (di-)	far	holê
explode	-qhoma	farm (n)	polasi (di-)
exterior	bokantle	farm (at/on the .)	polasing
eye	leihlô (ma-)	farmer	rapolasi (bë-)
		fasten	-fasa

fat	lefura (ma-)	fetch	-lata
fat (become. .)	-nöna	field	tshimo (ma-)
fat (is. .)	-nönnë		
father	ntatë (bö-)	fierce (be)	-pal a
father (his. .)	ntalaë		leshomë le metso ö
father (your. .)	nttao		mehlano
fault	molato (me-) / phôsô (di-)	fifth	bohlano
avour (v)	-kgêtha	files (of walking people)	metilëtië
fear (v)	-tshaba	fill	-tlatsa
fear (n)	letswalô (ma-)	filled (become)	-kgora
		filled (be)	-götshe
feast	mokete (me-)	finch	thaha (di-) / lekodukötzwana
		find	
February	Hlkola	found (be)	-fumana
feed	-ëpa	found (has/have)	-fumanwa
feed (oneself)	-iphêpa / -tjesa	found (out)	-fumane
fed (be. .)	-ëpjwa		-lemohilë
feel		fine	hiantlê
feign	-uþwa		
femininity	-ikëtsisa / -ëtsa eka	fine (adj)	-kgabane
fertilizer	bosadi	finger	monwana (me-)
	monönntsha (me-)	finish	-qëtal-phiëtha
		finish (become)	-fëla

finish (be .)	-fēdilē	floor	foluru (di-)
finish (<i>ideoph</i>)	mph!		
fire	mollō (me-)	flow	-phalla
fire (a gun)	-thunya	flow to (<i>i.e.</i> rush to help)	-phallēla
fireplace (traditional)) mokgōrō (me-)	flower	palesa (di-)
first	pele		ntsintsisi (di-)
first (lesson)	thutō ya pele	fly (n)	
fish	hlapi (di-)	fly (v)	-sofa
five	-hlano	fodder	furu (di-)
	batho ba bahlano	folk-tale	tshomō (di-)
flame	lelakabē (ma-)	follow	-hlahlamai-latēla
flame (great.)	telema (di-)	following day	lesatsi lē hlahlamang
flat (adj)	-sephara	food	dijō
flat nose	nkō ē sephara	foodstuff	sejō (di-)
flat-roofed (house)	polata (di-)	foot	mohatō (me-)
flatter	-qëkisa	forage	furu (di-)
flattered (become . .)	ho ya le kgüngwana		
	hodimo		
flee	-balēha	force	-hapēlētsa
flee (to/towards)	-balēhēla	force oneself	-ikgapēlētsa
flirt (with)	-bōnya le	forehead	phalla (di-)
float	-sēsa	forehead (protruding)	sephōkō (di-)

forehead (protruding... of monkey)	lekôpô (ma-)	found (to...)	-lhêha
forest	moru (me-) / sekgwâ (di-)	foundation	motheô (me-)
forget	-lebala	founder	mothëi (ba-)
forgot	-lebëlsë	fountain	sediba (di-)
forgot (I nearly)	-ke batilië ke lebala	fountain (at the)	-sedibëng
fork	ferekô (di-)	Fouriesburg	Mashaëng
form (<i>n</i>)	sebopêhô (di-)	fourteen	leshomë le metso è menë
form (<i>v</i>)	-lhêa	four	-nnë
fortune	lefa (ma-)	fourth	bonë
fortunate	-lehlöhônôlô	Tought	-lwannë
fortune (good...)	lehlöhônôlô (ma-)	fought (he has)	o lwannë
fortunately	ka lehlöhônôlô	owl	kgoho (di-)
forty	mashome a manê	freedom	bolokolohi / tokolohô
forty-one	mashoma manê le metso	freeway	mmilalebelô (me-)
forty-two	ò mong		
forty-three	mashoma manê le metso	French	Sefora
forty-four	è mnëdi	French culture	Seiora
forty-five	mashoma manê le metso	frequently	hangata/-atisa ho
	è mehlano		Labohlano

friend	mokgöt̄si (ba-)/motswallé (me-)	gather	-bokèlla/-phutha
friends (intimate)	mathè le leleme	gather (wood)	-rwalla
friendship	setwallé	gather (hope)	-isoha molota
frog	nkètu (bö-)	gather (together)	-phuthéha
front (in)	ka pele		
full (become. .)	-llala		
full (is. .)	-tlétsé		
G			
gallop	-kgéma	gather	-sejérême
gallop (put to)	-kgémisa	gather	-sejérême
gangsterism		gentleman	monghadi (bë-)
garage		ghost	sepoko (di-)
garage (at the)		giraffe	thuwlò (di-)
garden		gift	mphò (di-)
gardener		girl	mosetsana/ngwanana (ba-)
gate		give	-fa/-nèha
gate keeper (the eulogue for. .)		give me!	mphé
		give oneself	ipha
		(given (be. . .))	-fuwa
		given (has . .)	-flië
		glass	galase (di-)
		glitter	-bënya/-phalsima
		glitter (make . .)	-bénisha
		glorify	-thollisa

go	-yá	grass (dry)	haha
go (cause to...)	-isa	grass (red.)	seböku
go (towards)	-leba	grass-warbler	motinyane (me-)
go back	-boëla		
gone (has.)	-ilë		morô (me-)
go away	-loha		
goat		gravy	
Cod		graze	-fula
god		greet	-dumëdisa
good		greet (each other)	-dumëdisana
good car		green	-tala
Good-day!		greeting	tumëdisô (di-)
goodness		grey	-puñswa
Goodness me!		grey person	puñswa (di-)
govern		grief	maswabi/böhlöko!
government		grind	mahlömola
grandma		grind (for)	
grapes		groceries	-sila
grass		group	-silëla
			korosari/krosari (di-)
			sehlöphä (di-)
			-mela/-hola
			-holëla/-melëla
			-hodië
			-holëtsé
			-lebëla

guest	moëli (ba-)	hate hated	-höylä-/nyöryna/-ila -höylie'
gujp	-kwenya		
gun	sethunya (di-)	have/has have received (they)	-ilë ba ilë ba sumana
	hawk		phakwë (di-)
			yëna
habit	mokgwa (me-)	head head (in/at. . .)	hlöhhö (di-) hlöhhöng
habituate	-tlwaëtsa	headman	lefona (ma-)
hair	moriri (me-)	hearth hearth (at the. . .)	leifö (ma-) ifö
half	halofo (di-)	hear	-utlwa -ikulwa
half-price	halofo ya tefällö	hear (oneself)	-utlwana
hand	letsöhö (ma-)	hear (each other)	-utlwane
hare	mmutlla (meb-)	heard (each other)	
harm	kötsi (di-)/lebötë (ma-)	heart heart (learn by. . .)	pelo (di-) -ihutha ka pelo
	ha ho lebötë	heavy (weight)	boima
hartbees	kgama (di-)		hälë!
hasten	-phakisa	hello! hello (there)!	hëla!
hat	katiba (di-)	help	-husa

help (<i>n</i>)	thusô (di-)	hit	hit (oneself)	-shapa -iʃ̥apə
helper	mothusi (ba-)			
herbalist	ngaka (di-)	hoarse		Hlôtsê (place in Lesotho) Hlôtsê
herbivore (wild)	nyamatsane (di-)	hoe	hoe for	makgéréhlwa
herd (cattle)	-disal-alosa			-hlaoła -hlaołela
herd for	-disitsa	hold		-tshwara
herded (have...)	-disitsë			
herdboy	modisa (ba-)	hole	(through a thing)	lesoba (ma-)
here	möna	hole	(deep..)	moköli (me-)
hero	mohale (ba-)	home	home (at . .)	lehaë (ma-)
hesitate	-qeaea/-belałela		Homeland	haë
				lehaë (ma-)
Hey!		honour		bokgabane / lötliśo
hide			honour (<i>v</i>)	-rōrisa / -hlomphâ
hide	-pala	hoof		tlhako (di-)
	-ipala			
hill	leralla (ma-)/lhabantza (di-)		hope (<i>n</i>)	tshēpô
himself	boyəna		hope (<i>v</i>)	-tshēpə
his	-hae		hopping (of bull frog	pharu!
	batho ba hae		— <i>ideophone</i>)	

horn	hornless	<i>lenaka</i> (ma-/di-) -ihiija	hurry	-phakisal-tata
horse		<i>pērē</i> (di-)	husky	<i>makgērēhlwa</i>
hospital		<i>sepēltelē</i> (di-)	hyena	<i>phiri</i> (di-)
hotel		<i>höteliē</i> (di-)	hymn	<i>sefela</i> (di-)
hour		<i>hora</i> (di-)		
house	household	<i>ntlo</i> (ma-) <i>lelapa</i> (ma-)	I	
how?	how much? how many?	<i>jwang?</i> <i>ha kae?</i> / <i>bokae?</i> (isë) kae?	I (subj conc 1st p) I see I see well I thank you	ke ke a böna ke böna hanlé ke a lëhoha
humaneness		botho	idiom	mäellë sekapolglö (di-)
humble (become. . .)		-kökökbelä	idiomatic expression	
humblessness		boikökökbelö	if	ha
humidity		boikökökbelö	ignorance	bothöö sethöö (di-)
hunger	hungry (become) hungry (be. . .)	<i>llala/ho lapa</i> -lapa -lapilë	ignorant (person)	
hunt	hunting (party)	-tsoma <i>letsholö</i> (ma-)	ill (become. . .) ill (was/has been. . .)	-kula -kuſe -holma

imitate	-ëtsisa	instruct	-laëla/-ruta
immense	-tonana	instruction	taëlo (di-)
importance	bohlökwa	insurgent	moserekanyi (ba-)
important (work)	mosébëtsi wa bohlökwa		bohare/bokahare
important	-kgolo	interior	bohareng
important (person)	motho ë moholo	interior (in the)	
incite	-hilöhëllëtsa	introduce	-tsebisa
increase	-ata/-atisa/-ëkëtsa	introduce (for)	-kënya
independent	-ikëmëtsë	introduced (for)	-kënyëditswë
independence	boipusô	iron (v)	-tereka
indicate	-supa	iron (for)	-terekëla
infant	Jesea (ma-)	iron (corrugated)	tshewe (di-)
inform	-jwëtsa/-bolëlla/-beha	is (not)	lesënökë (ma-)
inhabitant	moahi (ba-)	issue	taba (di-)
insert	-kënya	it (subj conc cl 14)	bo-
insignificance	lefëela	it (subj conc cl 9)	e- e bë
inspire	-susumëtsa/-kgothatsa	it may be (so that..)	hore e bë

it being . . .	e le..	ho	joy	joy! (such)
it (<i>ind of subj conc</i>)	ho	ho nē ho bonahala		
it was clear	ho			
it (<i>abs pron c/5</i>)	lōna			
it (is)	ke			
it is a hat	ke katiba			
(father) is a priest	ntatē ke morutī			
it (<i>obj conc c/5</i>)	le			
it (<i>subj conc c/5</i>)	le			
it (<i>abs pron c/7</i>)	sōna			
item	nīlha (di-)			
itself	bowōna/boōna			

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Kattēhöng (name of township near Germiston)	K	Kattēhöng
kidney		kidney
kikuyu (grass)		kikuyu
kill		kill
killed (being)		killed
-bolaya		-bolaya
-bolauwai/bolawā		-bolauwai/bolawā
kilometara (di-)		kilometara (di-)

J

jackal	j ackal	phokojwē (di-)
jacket	j acket	baki (di-)
January	J anuary	Phērēkgöng
Johannesburg	J ohannesburg	Gautēng
journey	J ourney	leētō (ma-)
journey (undertake)		-wēla tselēng/-nka leētō