

Sesotho Vocabulary for Volunteers and Schools

Sesotho	Pronunciation	English meaning
Khotso	Hhut so	Peace – hello
Mosotho (s) Basotho (pl)		People of Lesotho (99.97%)
Sesotho		Language of the Basotho
Kea leboha		Thank you
Le kae		How are you?
Ke teng		I am fine
Lumela	Lumela	How are you?
O phela joang?		How is it going?
Ke phela hantle		I live well (fine)
Ha ke tsebe uena?		How about you?
Sala hantle (s) Salang hantle (pl)		Stay well – I am leaving
Tsamaea hantle (s) Tsamaeang hantle (pl)		Go well – you are leaving
Ha ke utloisise		I don't understand
U ea kae (s) Lea kae (pl)		Where are you going?
Nts'u?		What are you doing?
Ke soabile		Sorry
Ha ke utloisise		I don't understand
Otsoa kae?		Where are you going?
Kannete		Canadian
E 'M'e		yes
'M'e	mme	Mother
Ntate		Father, sir
Kea leboha		
Ha hona mathata		No problem
Chelete		money
Uena		you
Na'		Me
Na		Use when posing a question
Ho		its
Sekolo		School
Ke tatetse ho fumana lengolo le tsoang ho uena		I look forward to your next letter
Ke thabile ho u ngolla		I am happy to write to you
Sekolo sa hao se ea joang?		How is school going?
Mpolelle na u joang		Tell me how you are
Tse ncha ke life?		What's new?
U mang?		What is your name?
Ke _____		My name is _____
Ngoanana	Wanana	Girl
Morali		Daughter
Moshanyana		Boy
Nkhono		Grandmother
Ntate moholo		Grandfather
Abuti		Brother
Aussi		Sister
Morena		Lord, King, God

