

# An introduction to setswana

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**What is the meaning of Setswana?** Definitions of Setswana. noun. the dialect of Sotho spoken by the Tswana in Botswana. synonyms: Sechuana, Tswana. type of: Sotho.

**How old are you in Setswana?** B: O na le dingwaga tse kae? How old are you?

**What is special about Tswana?** The Tswana people play an important role in the country's political and cultural life, and their traditions and customs are still respected and celebrated. Today, they are known for their vibrant music and dance, colorful clothing, and passion for education.

**What is the difference between Tswana and Setswana?** Tswana, also known by its native name Setswana, and previously spelled Sechuana in English, is a Bantu language spoken in and indigenous to Southern Africa by about 8.2 million people. It is closely related to the Northern Sotho and Southern Sotho languages, as well as the Kgalagadi language and the Lozi language.

**What is God in Setswana?** Abstract. "Modimo", in modern Setswana, means God, either in the Christian or the African Traditional Religion concept.

**How do you say hello in Setswana?** Hello! (to one person) Ahee! Hello! (to more than one person) Dumelang!

**How do I say I am okay in Tswana?**

**How do Tswana people greet?** How to greet someone in Botswana. If you want to greet a group of people in SeTswana, you may use the phrase: Dumêlang. If you are greeting a man you should try: Dumêla rra; or if greeting a woman: Dumêla mma. Alone this gesture of attempting to speak SeTswana, will endear you to most people.

**How do you say "sorry" in Tswana?** Sori I am sorry. Ke maswabi No problem. Ga gona mathata Absolutely! Tota!

**What is Tswana's traditional food?** Setswana cuisine consists of but is not limited to maize meal (pap/phaleche), samp (setampa), sorghum (mabele), fat cakes (magwinya) which is fried dough and caterpillars (Mophane worms), and one of the most famous protein (seswaa), which is salty pounded meat.

**How do you show respect in Tswana culture?** Courtesy is appreciated, so always say please and thank you, and greet people. When you say hello, always add a 'ma'am' or 'sir' to complete the greeting. There is a strong respect for elders, so show respect by deferring to elders, waiting for them to be seated and consulting them for advice.

**Why is the Setswana language important?** Setswana provides an excellent foundation for the comparative study and learning of other similar African Suntu languages (isiZulu, isiXhosa, Xitsonga, Swahili, Shona, Lozi).

**What language is closest to Setswana?** Tswana (Setswana) The closest linguistic affiliations of Tswana are with Southern and Northern Sotho. The language is spoken in many dialects, the most important ones listed for Botswana being Tlhaping, Rolong, Kwena, Kgatla and Ngwatu.

**Is Tswana a difficult language?** When you hear people talking in Setswana, it's spoken very quickly, so it's hard to pick up. Even Batswana can struggle, as there are different interpretations of how to construct a sentence in Setswana.

**What are the 3 major languages spoken in Tswana?**

**What is blessing in Setswana?** PULA! Pula means rain or 'blessing' in Setswana.

**What is God's glory in Setswana?** This week we discuss Baha'u'llah ('Glory of God') mainly in light of John's Revelation. Baha in Setswana means "bead", a jewel, a brilliant reflector of light, a glorious object.

**What is your name in Setswana?** What is your name? ? (Leina la gago ke mang ?)

**What is "I love you" in Tswana?** Setswana: Ke a go rata. \_\_\_\_\_

**What is bye bye in Setswana?** Saying goodbye: When saying goodbye to one person you would say Tsamaya sentle ('Go well') or Sala sentle ('Stay/remain well'). When saying goodbye to more than one person, Tsamayang sentle or Salang sentle would be used.

**How do you say thank you so much in Setswana?** ke a leboga, Le a leboga are the top translations of "thank you" into Tswana. An expression of gratitude or politeness, in response to something done or given.

**How do I say "my pleasure" in Tswana?** It's my pleasure. Ke boitumelo jwa me!

**What does Ke Teng mean?** Sesotho word (Lesotho orthography): ke teng. English translation: I am well; I am here. Derivative(s)/Related word(s): ke (I); teng (here)

**How to respond to Le Kae?** O tsogile bjang? / Go bjang? (Le kae?) I am fine and how are you? Ke tsogile gabotse, wena o tsogile bjang? (Re gona re ka ra lena). I am well.

**Where are Tswana people from?** Tswana, westerly division of the Sotho, a Bantu-speaking people of South Africa and Botswana. The Tswana comprise several groupings, the most important of which, numerically speaking, are the Hurutshe, Kgatla, Kwena, Rolong, Tlhaping, and Tlokwa. They numbered about four million at the turn of the 21st century.

**Which country speaks Tswana?** Tswana is a language of Botswana. Roughly 78% of the population there speak it as a first language.

**What is woman in Setswana?** The word 'woman' in the Setswana context It is an indisputable fact that the word gunai literally (semantically) refers to English "woman," or Setswana mosadi. Matumo (1993:267) in the Setswana English Setswana Dictionary supports this translation.

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**What are the beliefs of Setswana?** The official religion of most Tswana groups is now Christianity. Although the public rituals of the indigenous religion are seldom encountered, the more private and individualized practices of witchcraft, sorcery, and traditional healing persist strongly, even among Christians.

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**What makes Setswana distinct?** Tswana culture is often distinguished for its complex legal system, involving a hierarchy of courts and mediators, and harsh punishments for those found guilty of crimes. Like many neighboring Nguni peoples, the Sotho traditionally relied on a combination of livestock raising and crop cultivation for subsistence.

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**What is hello in Tswana?**

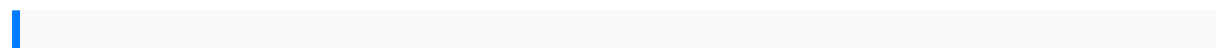
**What is queen in Setswana?** Kgosigadi means Queen in the Setswana language. Queen Mmanthatisi ruled the Batswana tribe, at the time over 40,000 people, in South Africa in the 19th century.

**How do you say goodbye in Setswana?** When saying goodbye to one person you would say Tsamaya sentle ('Go well') or Sala sentle ('Stay/remain well'). When saying goodbye to more than one person, Tsamayang sentle or Salang sentle would be used.

**What are the stereotypes of the Setswana culture?** Tswanas tend to be timid, not to be open to criticism, scared of being unpopular, too accepting of authority of any kind and are often not ready enough to stick up for their democratic rights.

**What do Tswana people wear?** Women often wear a traditional dress called the "Tswana," which is a long, colourful garment with intricate patterns and designs. Men typically wear a "seshoeshoe," a type of blanket that is draped over the shoulders. Both men and women also wear "makgabe" or "mokorotlo," traditional hats made from straw or fabric.

**What should I say in Setswana?**



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