

Theme 6: Transportation and Finding Your Way

TRACK 17: Transportation

Where is the nearest train station?	Seteišene sa kgaufsi se kae?
What line goes to Loftus station?	Ke laene efe ye e yago <i>Loftus station</i> ?
Where is the nearest bus stop?	Boemapese bja kgaufsi bo kae?
What is the fare to Sunnyside?	Ke bokae go ya <i>Sunnyside</i> ?
What is the fare to Mamelodi?	Ke bokae go ya <i>Mamelodi</i> ?
I want to get off at Menlyn Shopping Mall.	Ke nyaka go fologa <i>Menlyn</i> .
I want to get off at Soccer City.	Ke nyaka go fologa <i>Soccer City</i> .
Where is the train station?	Seteišene sa diterene se kae?
Where is the non-smoking section?	Mo go sa kgogwego ke kae?
Where are the first-class coaches?	Dikhoutšhe tša <i>first-class</i> di kae?
Where are the platforms?	Dipolatefomo di kae?
I would like a ticket to Sandton.	Ke kgopela thekete ya go ya <i>Sandton</i> .
I would like a ticket to Soweto.	Ke kgopela thekete ya go ya <i>Soweto</i> .
I'd like to hire a car.	Ke nyaka go hira koloi.
How much does it cost per week?	Ke bokae ka beke?
How much does it cost per day?	Ke bokae ka letšatši?

TRACK 16: Finding your way

Where is the nearest Internet Café?	<i>Internet Café</i> ya kgaufsi e kae?
Where is Table Mountain?	<i>Table Mountain</i> ke kae?
Where is the Voortrekker Museum?	<i>Voortrekker Museum</i> ke kae?
Please tell me where the Apartheid Museum is located?	Mpotšhe gore <i>Apartheid Museum</i> ke kae hle?
Do you have a map to the city?	A o na le mmepe wa motse?
Could you show me on my map, please?	Ke kgopela o ntšhupetše mo mmepeng wa ka.
Can I get there on foot?	A nka fihla ka maoto?
How far is it?	Ke bokgole bjo bokaakang?
I think I'm lost.	O ka re ke timetše.
Please tell me where the Union Buildings are located?	Anke o mpotšhe gore <i>Union Buildings</i> ke kae?
Where can I find this address?	Atrese ye e gokae?
It's straight ahead.	Ke kua pele.
Turn left.	O arogele letsogong la ngele.
Turn right.	O arogele letsogong la go ja.
It's down there.	Ke kua fase.
It's behind the building.	Ke ka morago ga moago.
It's in front of the store.	Ke ka pele ga lebenkele.
It's next to the station.	Ke kgauswi le seteišene.
It's near the hotel.	Ke kgauswi le hotele.
It's after the filling station.	Ke go feta karatšhe.

COMMENTS:

Place names

In South Africa, two kinds of place names may be distinguished: traditional African place names and English or Afrikaans place names. Most of the bigger towns and cities have English or Afrikaans names; however, during the past ten years many of the official place names have been changed back to the indigenous names. Among Sotho speakers, Pretoria was originally known

as *Tshwane*; Johannesburg as *Gauteng* (literally meaning 'place of gold'); Nylstroom as *Modimolle* and Pietersburg as *Polokwane*.

Please feel free to exchange any of the place names in the table above for place names of your choice.

To form questions in Northern Sotho:

You probably know by now that you can ask questions in Northern Sotho by adding the following interrogative (question) words to the end of a sentence:

kae? (where?)

-fe? (which?)

bokae? (how much?)

bjang? (how?)

neng? (when?)

To make questions of which the answer can be affirmative or negative (yes/no questions) you can add *a* or *na* to the beginning of the sentence.

For example:

Statement: I can get there on foot. *Nka fihla ka maoto.*

Question: Can I get there on foot? *A/na nka fihla ka maoto?*

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A: Joo, ke timetše!	Oh no, I am lost!
B: O ya kae?	Where are you going?
A: Ke nyaka go ya Soweto.	I want to go to Soweto.
B: Sepela kua pele, pese e gona.	Go straight ahead, the bus is there.
A: Ke bokgole bjo kaakang?	How far is it?
B: Ke dikilometara tše 15. Ke kgauswi.	It is 15 kilometres. It is near.
A: Ke a leboga, sesi.	Thank you, miss.