

## Theme 2: Asking for Help, Emergencies

### *Asking for help*

Excuse me, sir...	Tshwarelo, rra...
Excuse me, miss ...	Tshwarelo, mma...
Do you speak English?	A o bua Seesemane?
Yes	Êê
No	Nnyaa/Ē-ê
I'm sorry.	Ke tlhomoga pelo
I'm sorry but I don't understand.	Ga ke tlhaloganye, tthe.
I don't speak Tswana.	Ga ke kgone go bua Setswana.
I don't understand.	Ga ke go tlhaloganye.
I understand a little.	Ke tlhaloganyanya gannyane.
Yes, I understand.	Ee, ke a tlhaloganyanya.
Please speak more slowly.	Bua ka boiketlo, tsweetswee.
Could you please speak more slowly?	A o ka bua ka boiketlô, tsweetswee?
Please repeat.	Busetsa gape, tsweetswee
Can you please help me?	A o ka nthusa, tsweetswee?
Okay.	Go siame.
Of course.	Ee, tota.
Where is .....?	.... kae?
I'm lost, could you help me please?	Ke timetse, a o ka nthusa tsweetswee?
<i>Emergencies:</i>	
Fire!	Molelo!
Hurry!	Itlhaganele!
Help!	Thusa!
Call the fire department!	Bitsa ba go tima mollo!
Stop, thief!	Emisa legodu!
Stop him!	Mo emise!
Leave me alone!	Ntlhoge!e!
Where is the police station?	Ga maphodisa go kae?
I want a lawyer.	Ke batla moemedi.
Someone stole my car!	Mongwe o utswitse mmotorokara wa me!
Someone stole my watch.	Mongwe o utswitse sesupanako sa me.
Someone stole my wallet.	Mongwe o utswitse sepatše sa me.
Someone stole my passport.	Mongwe o utswitse paseporoto ya me.
Someone stole my belongings.	Mongwe o utswitse tsa me.
Thanks for your help!	Ke leboga thuso ya gago!
It's my pleasure.	Ke boitumelo jwa me!

### COMMENTS:

#### *Expressing the negative*

In order to express the negative, one usually adds a *ga-* in front of the positive form and let the verb end in *-e*, e.g. *Ke a tlhaloganyanya* (I understand) > *Ga ke tlhaloganye* (I don't understand).

<b>A: Tourist</b> <b>B: Setswana speaker</b>	<b>Theme 2: Asking for Help, Emergencies</b>
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<b>A: Tshwarelo Mma. A o itse go bua Seesimane?</b>	Excuse me, Madam. Do you know how to speak English?
<b>B: Nnyaya, ke bua Setswana.</b>	No, I speak Setswana.
<b>A: A o ka nthusa, tsweetswee?</b>	Can you help me, please?
<b>B: Ee. Nka go thusa ka eng?</b>	Yes. With what can I help you?
<b>A: Ke timetse. Seteišhene sa maphodisa se fa kae?</b>	I am lost. Where is a police station?
<b>B: Molato ke eng?</b>	What is the problem?
<b>A: Sepatšhe sa ka se timetse!</b>	My wallet is gone!
<b>B: Seteišhene se ka kwa.</b>	The station is over there.
<b>A: Ke leboga thuso ya gago.</b>	I thank you for your help!
<b>B: Go leboga rona.</b>	It's my pleasure!