

Theme 3: Numbers, Days, Months and Quantities

Numbers

One	Nwge
Two	Pedi
Three	Tharo
Four	Nne
Five	Tlhano
Six	Thataro
Seven	Supa
Eight	Robedi
Nine	Robongwe
Ten	Lesome
One hundred Rand	Lekgolo la diranta
Two hundred Rand	Makgolo a mabedi a diranta
Three hundred Rand	Makgolo a mararo a diranta
Four hundred Rand	Makgolo a mane a diranta
Five hundred Rand	Makgolo a matlhano a diranta
Six hundred Rand	Makgolo a maratharo a diranta
Seven hundred Rand	Makgolo a masupa a diranta
Eight hundred Rand	Makgolo a marobedi a diranta
Nine hundred Rand	Makgolo a marobongwe a diranta
One thousand Rand	Sekete sa diranta
First corner	Khona ya ntlha
Second robot	Roboto ya bobedi
Third street	Seterata sa boraro
Fourth building	Moago wa bone
Fifth match	Motshameko wa botlhano
Sixth person	Motho wa boratharo
Seventh church	Kereke ya bosupa
Eighth bus	Bese ya borobedi
Ninth month	Kgwedi ya borobongwe
Tenth day	Letsatsi la bolesome
Once	Gangwe
Twice	Gabedi
Last	Gabofelo
<i>Days</i>	
Monday	Mosupologô
Tuesday	Labobedi
Wednesday	Laboraro
Thursday	Labone
Friday	Labotlhano
Saturday	Lamatlhatsô
Sunday	Latshipi
What is today's date?	Gompieno ke letsatsi la bokae la kgwedi?
Today	Gompieno
Tomorrow	Ka moso
Yesterday	Maabane
A long time ago	Kgale
<i>Months</i>	
January	Ferikgong
February	Tlhakole
March	Mopitlo

April	Moranang
May	Motshêganong
June	Seêtêbosigo
July	Phukwi
August	Phatwê
September	Lwêtse
October	Diphalane
November	Ngwanatsêêle
December	Sedimonthole/Morulê
<i>Quantities</i>	
Many, a lot of	Tse dintsi tsa
Some/A little of	Ga nnyane ga
A dozen of	Somepedi tsa
A few	Mmalwa
Enough	Go ntse
Too little	Go nnye
Too much	Go ntsi
A kilo of	Kilo ya

COMMENTS:

Days of the week

The days of the week changed their original Setswana names because of the Western influence of the missionaries. They brought along with them working days, i.e. *Labobedi* (the second working day - Tuesday), *Laboraro* (the third working day), *Labone* (the fourth working day), *Labothano* (the fifth working day). Sunday became known as the day of going to church when the iron (*tshipi*) bell rings, thus *Latshipi*.

Months in Setswana

Traditionally, the Batswana named the different times of the seasons in relation with the various activities within those seasons. July is *Phukwi*, so called because new green leaves appear after winter. The month of August is *Phatwe* which indicates the winds that blow leaving the tree broken open. *Phalane* is the name for October. This word has the meaning of 'young implala' because it is when they are born.

A: Tourist B: Setswana speaker	Theme 3: Numbers, days, months, seasons
A: Ke batla go lebelela motshameko wa bobedi gompieno.	I want to watch the second match today.
B: Go siame. Ke makgolo a mabedi a diranta.	It's alright. It is R200-00.
A: Nngwe – pedi – tharo – nne – tlhano – thatharo – supa – robedi – robongwe – lesome – lekgolo la diranta – makgolo a mabedi a diranta.	(Counting R10 notes): One – two – three – four – five – six – seven – eight – nine – ten – one hundred Rand – two hundred Rand.
B: Ke a leboga. Tsamayang sentle!	Thank you. Go well!

A: Salang sentle!

Stay well!