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Lesson 2 (Basic greetings continue)

Greeting people and responding.

COURSE INFO:

Welcome to 20 minute Setswana, the language course aimed at independent learners, business owners as well as teachers. Our 15 -20 minute lessons will help you step by step to get a good grip on the language of Setswana. These PDF transcriptions will help you to understand how and why phrases are built. For more info visit www.20minsetswana.co.za

LESSON NOTES (part1) *(note – the bold letters are an indication of emphasis)

ENGLISH	SETSWANA	NOTES
GOOD MORNING / HELLO	Moso o montle	Moso = morning o = adjective link montle = good
GOOD AFTERNOON / HELLO	Thapama	Thapama = Afternoon
GOOD EVENING / HELLO	Bosigo bo bontle	Bosigo = evening / night Bo = adjective link Bontle = good
GOOD NIGHT	Robadiwang	Literal meaning = sleep Go Robala = to sleep Robadiwang (plural imperative / command form)
HAVE A NICE DAY	Letsatsi le lentle Or Nna le letsatsi le lentle.	Letsatsi = a day le = adjective link lentle = good Nna – “ have ” a beautiful day (imperative form)
HAVE A NICE EVENING	Nna le bosigo bo bontle	Nna - used in an imperative (command form) way of speaking.

LESSON NOTES (part 1)

ENGLISH	SETSWANA	NOTES
GOOD BYE	Sala sentle	When you leave someone behind: Sala sentle = literally “stay well”
GO WELL	Tsamaya sentle	When you are leaving: Go Tsamaya = to walk
I WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW	Ke tla go bona ka moso	- Literally: “I will see you with morning” Ke = I Tla = will Bona = from the verb Go bona (to see) Go = you (replaces “wena” here) *see next table* moso = morning ka = in this context translates as “with”
PLEASED TO MEET YOU	Ke itumelela go go bona Also Ke itumelela go bona wena	Ke = I (“I am” is implied) Itumelela = Happy, pleased go bona = to see (the second “go” means “you” and in this sentence is a replacement for “wena”)

LESSON NOTES (part 2)

ENGLISH	SETSWANA	NOTES
MY NAME IS	Leina la me ke	Leina = Name la me = of mine ke = In this context translates as “is” (not to be confused with “ke” meaning “I” .
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?	Leina la gago o mang? Or Leina la gago ke?	Leina = Name, La gago = of yours O mang? = who are you? Mang = Who?
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME	Go fit hela nako e e tlang	Go fitlhela = Until nako = Time tlang = next *** e e – see grammar notes
SEE YOU LATER	Ke tla go bona math apama	mathapama = afternoon / later
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK	Ke tla go bona beke e e tlang	Next week “Beke e e tlang” Beke = week tlang = next *** e e – see grammar notes
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH	Ke tla go bona kgwedi e e tlang	Next month “ Kgwedi e e tlang” Kgwedi = month
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR	Ke tla go bona ng waga o o tlang	Next year “ Ngwaga o o tlang” Year = Ngwaga tlang = Next, following *** o o – see grammar notes
SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING	Fa le tlhaba Or Ke tla go bona fa letlhaba	Literally – “When it rises” fa = when Go tlhaba = to rise
SEE YOU MIDDAY	Ke tla go bona mot shegaregare	Motshegare = in the day Motshegaregare = in the middle of the day / midday
SEE YOU TONIGHT	Ke tla go bona bos igo	Bosigo = tonight Bosigogare = midnight

GRAMMAR NOTES

Introducing the adjective links:

Note that the adjective as well as the adjective linking word changes according to the noun that they follow.

- Letsatsi Le lentle	--	good/beautiful day
- Mosadi o montle	--	beautiful woman
- Masela a mantle	---	beautiful material
- Sethlare se sentle	---	beautiful tree
- Batu ba bantle	--	good people
- Dinku di dintle (plural)	---	pretty sheep (plural)

Note that "tlang" does not change accordingly and is therefore an exception.

- e e tlang
- o o tlang

CULTURAL INSERT

In this lesson we are joined by Jean Raadt..

He grew up on a farm in Vredefort and from a young age had the opportunity to converse with Sesotho speaking people.

He has since moved to Potchefstroom where he now speaks a mix of Setswana and Sesotho .

It is very interesting to see the profound similarities between these 2 languages and the great news is that by learning the language of Setswana, you are basically also learning the language of Sesotho. Both these languages come from the Bantu language and for that reason are very similar.

We have included a link for you to learn more about the culture of Setswana:

<http://kwekudee-tripdownmemorylane.blogspot.com/2013/03/tswana-are-niger-congo-or-bantu.html>

