

This is a list of the 1,000 most commonly spoken Sesotho words.

Number	Sesotho	in English
1	e le	as
2	ke	I
3	hae	his
4	hore	that
5	o ile a	he
6	e ne e	was
7	bakeng sa	for
8	ka	on
9	ba	are
10	le	with
11	ba	they
12	ba	be
13	ka	at
14	e mong	one
15	ba le	have
16	ena	this
17	ho tloha	from
18	ka	by
19	chesang	hot
20	lentsoe la	word
21	empa	but
22	eng	what
23	ba bang ba	some
24	ke	is
25	e	it
26	u	you
27	kapa	or
28	ne	had
29	ea	the
30	ea	of
31	ho	to
32	le	and
33	e	a
34	a	in
35	re	we
36	ka	can
37	tsoa	out

38	tse ling tse	other
39	ba ne ba	were
40	e leng	which
41	etsa	do
42	ba bona ba	their
43	nako	time
44	haeba	if
45	tla	will
46	joang	how
47	a re	said
48	e	an
49	mong le e mong	each
50	bolella	tell
51	etsang	does
52	sete	set
53	tse tharo	three
54	batla	want
55	moea	air
56	hantle	well
57	e boetse e	also
58	bapala	play
59	nyenyane	small
60	qeta	end
61	beha	put
62	lapeng	home
63	bala	read
64	letsoho la	hand
65	koung	port
66	khōlō	large
67	peleta	spell
68	eketsa	add
69	esita le	even
70	naheng	land
71	mona	here
72	lokela ho	must
73	khōlō	big
74	phahameng	high
75	joalo	such
76	latela	follow
77	ketso	act

78	ke hobane'ng ha	why
79	botsa	ask
80	banna ba	men
81	fetola	change
82	a tsoela	went
83	leseli	light
84	mofuta ofe	kind
85	theoaha	off
86	lokela	need
87	ntlo	house
88	setšoantšo	picture
89	leka	try
90	re	us
91	hape	again
92	phoofolo	animal
93	ntlha	point
94	'me	mother
95	lefatše	world
96	kgauswi le	near
97	haha	build
98	ho intša	self
99	lefatšeng	earth
100	ntate	father
101	leha e le efe	any
102	ncha	new
103	mosebetsi oa	work
104	karolo	part
105	nka	take
106	fumana	get
107	habité	place
108	ile a etsa	made
109	phela	live
110	moo	where
111	ka mor'a hore	after
112	khutlela	back
113	nyenyane	little
114	feela	only
115	pota	round
116	motho	man
117	selemo	year

118	o ile a tla	came
119	bontša	show
120	mong le e mong	every
121	molemo	good
122	'na	me
123	fa	give
124	rōna	our
125	tlas'a	under
126	lebitso la mokgatlo	name
127	haholo	very
128	ka ho	through
129	feela	just
130	foromo	form
131	polelo	sentence
132	e khōlō	great
133	nahana	think
134	re	say
135	thusa	help
136	tlaase	low
137	line line	line
138	fapana	differ
139	lehlakoreng le	turn
140	etsa hore	cause
141	haholo	much
142	bolela	mean
143	pele	before
144	falla	move
145	tokelo ya	right
146	moshanyana	boy
147	li	old
148	le eena o	too
149	tšoanang	same
150	o ile a	she
151	tsohle	all
152	mono	there
153	neng	when
154	ka	up
155	sebelisa	use
156	hao	your
157	tsela	way

158	ka	about
159	ba bangata ba	many
160	ka nako eo	then
161	ba	them
162	ngola	write
163	ne	would
164	joaloka	like
165	e le	so
166	tsena	these
167	hae	her
168	nako e telele	long
169	etsa	make
170	ntho e	thing
171	bona	see
172	mo	him
173	tse peli tse	two
174	o na le	has
175	sheba	look
176	hape	more
177	letsatsi	day
178	ka se khonang	could
179	ee	go
180	tla	come
181	ile a etsa	did
182	nomoro ya	number
183	utloahala e	sound
184	ha ho	no
185	ka ho fetisisa	most
186	batho ba	people
187	ka	my
188	ka	over
189	tseba	know
190	metsi a	water
191	ho feta	than
192	pitso	call
193	pele	first
194	ba ba neng ba	who
195	ka	may
196	fatše	down
197	lehlakoreng	side

198	bile	been
199	hona joale	now
200	fumana	find
201	hlooho	head
202	ema	stand
203	le	own
204	leqepheng la	page
205	lokela	should
206	naha	country
207	ile a fumana	found
208	araba	answer
209	sekolong	school
210	hōle	grow
211	ithuta	study
212	e sa ntse e	still
213	ithuta	learn
214	dimela	plant
215	sekoahelo	cover
216	lijo	food
217	letsatsi	sun
218	tse 'ne	four
219	pakeng tsa	between
220	mmuso	state
221	'ne	keep
222	leihlo la	eye
223	mohla	never
224	ho qetela	last
225	a ke	let
226	nahana	thought
227	citta	city
228	sefate	tree
229	tšela	cross
230	polasing	farm
231	ka thata	hard
232	qala	start
233	ka 'na	might
234	pale	story
235	o ile a bona	saw
236	fihla	far
237	leoatle	sea

238	atamela	draw
239	tloha	left
240	morao	late
241	li matha	run
242	se ke oa	don't
243	ha a ntse a	while
244	tobetsa	press
245	haufi	close
246	bosiu	night
247	sebele	real
248	bophelo	life
249	tse seng kae	few
250	ka leboea	north
251	buka	book
252	phetha	carry
253	o ile a nka	took
254	saense	science
255	ja	eat
256	kamoreng	room
257	motsoalle	friend
258	ile a qala	began
259	maikutlo a	idea
260	litlhapi	fish
261	thabeng	mountain
262	ema	stop
263	hang	once
264	botlaaseng	base
265	utloa	hear
266	pere	horse
267	sehiloeng	cut
268	bonnete ba hore	sure
269	shebella	watch
270	mmala	color
271	sefahleho	face
272	lehong	wood
273	ka sehloohong	main
274	bulehileng	open
275	bonahala eka	seem
276	hammoho	together
277	e 'ngoe	next

278	tšoeu	white
279	bana ba	children
280	qala	begin
281	a	got
282	tsamaea	walk
283	mohlala	example
284	kokobetsa	ease
285	pampiri	paper
286	sehlopha	group
287	kamehla	always
288	mino	music
289	ba	those
290	ka bobeli	both
291	letšoa	mark
292	hangata	often
293	lengolo le	letter
294	ho fihlela	until
295	mile rap battle	mile
296	nōka	river
297	koloi	car
298	maoto a	feet
299	tlhokomelo ya	care
300	bobeli	second
301	ho lekane	enough
302	thota	plain
303	ngoanana	girl
304	tloaelehleng	usual
305	bacha	young
306	itokiselitse	ready
307	ka holimo	above
308	leha e le neng	ever
309	khubelu	red
310	lethathamo	list
311	leha ho le joalo	though
312	ikutloa	feel
313	puo	talk
314	nonyana	bird
315	hang	soon
316	mele	body
317	ntja	dog

318	lelapa la	family
319	ho toba	direct
320	eachother	pose
321	tlohela	leave
322	pina	song
323	lekanya	measure
324	ntlo	door
325	sehlahiswa	product
326	batsho	black
327	khutšoanyane	short
328	ho sebediswa makgetlo a	numeral
329	sehlopha sa	class
330	moea	wind
331	potso	question
332	etsahala	happen
333	feletseng	complete
334	sekepe	ship
335	sebakeng seo	area
336	halofo	half
337	lefika	rock
338	e le hore	order
339	mollo	fire
340	ka boroa	south
341	bothata	problem
342	sengoathoana	piece
343	ile a re ho	told
344	ne a tseba	knew
345	feta	pass
346	ho tloha ka	since
347	holimo	top
348	eohle	whole
349	morena	king
350	seterateng	street
351	ka intshi	inch
352	atisa	multiply
353	ha ho letho le	nothing
354	nete hore	course
355	lula	stay
356	pale	wheel
357	feletseng	full

358	matla a	force
359	putsoa	blue
360	ntho	object
361	etsa qeto ea	decide
362	holim'a	surface
363	tebileng	deep
364	khoeli	moon
365	sehlekehlekeng	island
366	maoto a	foot
367	tsamaiso	system
368	phathahane	busy
369	teko	test
370	rekoto	record
371	sekepe	boat
372	tloaelehleng	common
373	khauta	gold
374	ho khoneha	possible
375	sefofane	plane
376	sebakeng	stead
377	omileng	dry
378	ipotsa	wonder
379	tseha	laugh
380	tse likete tse	thousand
381	months ago	ago
382	a matha	ran
383	hlahloba	check
384	tai game	game
385	sebōpeho	shape
386	equate	equate
387	chesang	hot
388	Miss	miss
389	tlisa	brought
390	mocheso	heat
391	lehloa	snow
392	khathala	tire
393	tlisa	bring
394	e	yes
395	hole-hole	distant
396	tlatsa	fill
397	ka bochabela	east

398	pentse	paint
399	puo tn lefatshe	language
400	har'a	among
401	yuniti eno ya thuto	unit
402	matla a	power
403	motse	town
404	ntle	fine
405	itseng	certain
406	fofa	fly
407	a oa	fall
408	lebisa	lead
409	mohoo	cry
410	lefifi	dark
411	mochine	machine
412	hlokomela	note
413	ema ho	wait
414	moralo	plan
415	palo	figure
416	naleli	star
417	lebokose le reng	box
418	lereho	noun
419	tšimo	field
420	ba bang kaofela	rest
421	e nepahetseng	correct
422	khona	able
423	boima ba	pound
424	etsoe	done
425	botle	beauty
426	ka koloi	drive
427	ema	stood
428	na le	contain
429	pel'a	front
430	ruta	teach
431	beke le beke	week
432	ho qetela	final
433	o ile a fa	gave
434	tala	green
435	la oh oh oh	oh
436	ka potlako	quick
437	ntshetsa pele	develop

438	leoatle	ocean
439	mofuthu	warm
440	mahala	free
441	motsotso	minute
442	matla	strong
443	khethehileng	special
444	kelello	mind
445	ka mor'a	behind
446	hlakileng	clear
447	mohatla	tail
448	lihlahisoa	produce
449	ha e le hantle	fact
450	sebaka	space
451	utloa	heard
452	molemo ka ho fetisisa	best
453	hora	hour
454	molemo	better
455	'nete	true
456	ka nako ya	during
457	le makholo a	hundred
458	tse hlano	five
459	hopola	remember
460	mohato	step
461	pele	early
462	tšoara	hold
463	ka bophirimela	west
464	fatše	ground
465	thahasello	interest
466	fihla	reach
467	ka tieo	fast
468	leetsi	verb
469	bina	sing
470	mamela	listen
471	tse tseletseng	six
472	tafoleng	table
473	maeto	travel
474	nyane	less
475	hoseng	morning
476	tse leshome	ten
477	bonolo	simple

478	tse 'maloa	several
479	selumi sa senyese mane	vowel
480	ho	toward
481	ntoa	war
482	larileng ka	lay
483	khahlanong le	against
484	mohlala	pattern
485	ea liehang	slow
486	setsi	center
487	rata	love
488	motho	person
489	chelete	money
490	sebeletsa	serve
491	hlaha	appear
492	tsela	road
493	Mapa	map
494	pula	rain
495	busa	rule
496	laolang	govern
497	hula	pull
498	batang	cold
499	tsebiso	notice
500	lentsoe la	voice
501	matla a	energy
502	tsoma	hunt
503	probable	probable
504	bethe	bed
505	mor'abo rona	brother
506	lehe	egg
507	palama	ride
508	seleng	cell
509	lumela	believe
510	mohlomong u ka	perhaps
511	a nke	pick
512	ka tsohanyetso	sudden
513	bala	count
514	lisekoere	square
515	lebaka la	reason
516	bolelele	length
517	emela	represent

518	bonono	art
519	taba	subject
520	sebakeng	region
521	bohola	size
522	fapana	vary
523	rarolla	settle
524	bua	speak
525	boima	weight
526	kakaretso	general
527	leqhoa le	ice
528	taba	matter
529	sedikadikwe	circle
530	para	pair
531	kenyeletsa	include
532	arola	divide
533	senoko sa lentsoe se	syllable
534	o ile a ikutloa	felt
535	kholo	grand
536	ball z	ball
537	leha ho le joalo	yet
538	tsokoang ka	wave
539	tlohele	drop
540	pelo	heart
541	'na	am
542	hona joale	present
543	boima	heavy
544	Together In	dance
545	enjene	engine
546	boemo ba	position
547	letsoho la	arm
548	ka bophara	wide
549	tsamaea ka sekepe	sail
550	lintho tse bonahalang	material
551	karoloana	fraction
552	moru	forest
553	lula	sit
554	morabe	race
555	fensetere	window
556	boloka	store
557	lehlabula	summer

558	terene e	train
559	robala	sleep
560	ba	prove
561	ka bomong ba chesehang	lone
562	leoto	leg
563	ho ikoetlisa	exercise
564	lerako	wall
565	tšoasa	catch
566	thabeng	mount
567	lakatsa	wish
568	leholimo	sky
569	boto	board
570	thabo	joy
571	mariha	winter
572	a lula	sat
573	e ngotsweng	written
574	hlaha	wild
575	seletsa	instrument
576	a 'na a	kept
577	khalase	glass
578	joang bo	grass
579	khomo	cow
580	mosebetsi	job
581	bohale	edge
582	pontšo	sign
583	etela	visit
584	nakong e fetileng	past
585	bonolo	soft
586	monate	fun
587	e khanyang	bright
588	khase	gas
589	meteo	weather
590	moodle moodle	month
591	limilione tse	million
592	beha	bear
593	fihlela qetellong	finish
594	thaba	happy
595	le tšepo ea	hope
596	lipalesa	flower
597	apesa	clothe

598	e makatsang	strange
599	gone gone gone	gone
600	khoebo	trade
601	lipina tsa thoriso	melody
602	leeto	trip
603	ofisi	office
604	fumana	receive
605	mola	row
606	molomo oa	mouth
607	tobileng	exact
608	letšoao	symbol
609	shoa	die
610	bonyane	least
611	khathatso	trouble
612	mohoo	shout
613	ntle le	except
614	o ile a ngola	wrote
615	peo ea	seed
616	modumo	tone
617	ba setho	join
618	fana ka maikutlo a	suggest
619	hloekileng	clean
620	khefu	break
621	lady gaga	lady
622	jareteng	yard
623	tsoha	rise
624	mpe	bad
625	letsa	blow
626	oli	oil
627	mali a	blood
628	ama	touch
629	hōla	grew
630	phesente	cent
631	kopanya	mix
632	sehlopha	team
633	terata	wire
634	litšenyehelo	cost
635	lahlehelo	lost
636	sootho	brown
637	apara	wear

638	serapeng	garden
639	lekana	equal
640	o ile a romela	sent
641	khetha	choose
642	oela	fell
643	lumellane	fit
644	phalla	flow
645	hlokang leeme	fair
646	banka	bank
647	bokella	collect
648	pholosa	save
649	laola	control
650	ditesimale	decimal
651	tsebe	ear
652	e mong	else
653	haholo	quite
654	qhetsola	broke
655	joalo	case
656	bohareng	middle
657	bolaea	kill
658	mora oa	son
659	letšeng	lake
660	motsotso	moment
661	tekanyo	scale
662	le phahameng	loud
663	selemo	spring
664	boloka	observe
665	ngoana	child
666	setereiti	straight
667	selumisoa	consonant
668	sechaba	nation
669	szótár	dictionary
670	lebese	milk
671	lebelo	speed
672	mokgwa wa	method
673	le lekala	organ
674	lefa	pay
675	le lilemo li	age
676	karolo	section
677	moaparo	dress

678	leru	cloud
679	makala ha	surprise
680	khutsitseng	quiet
681	lejoe	stone
682	nyenyane	tiny
683	hloa	climb
684	pholileng	cool
685	moralo	design
686	mafutsana	poor
687	ngata	lot
688	teko	experiment
689	tlase	bottom
690	moodle	key
691	tsepe	iron
692	nang molekane	single
693	thupa	stick
694	bataletseng	flat
695	mashome a mabeli	twenty
696	letlalo	skin
697	smile smile smile	smile
698	crease	crease
699	lesoba	hole
700	qhomela	jump
701	lesea	baby
702	tse robeli	eight
703	motseng	village
704	kopana le	meet
705	motso	root
706	reka	buy
707	phahamisa	raise
708	rarolla	solve
709	tšepe	metal
710	hore na	whether
711	sututsa	push
712	supa	seven
713	ya ka temana ya	paragraph
714	boraro	third
715	tla	shall
716	aa mo go one	held
717	moriri	hair

718	hlalosa	describe
719	laga	cook
720	fatse	floor
721	e ka ba	either
722	lebaka leo	result
723	chesa	burn
724	leralleng	hill
725	bolokehileng	safe
726	gato	cat
727	lekholong la lilemo la	century
728	nahana ka	consider
729	mofuta wa sebaka	type
730	molao	law
731	hanyenyane	bit
732	lebopong la leoatle	coast
733	khopi	copy
734	poleloana e reng	phrase
735	ka pelong	silent
736	e ba telele	tall
737	lehlabathe	sand
738	mobu	soil
739	moqolo	roll
740	mocheso	temperature
741	monoana	finger
742	lefapha	industry
743	bohlokoa	value
744	ntoa	fight
745	leshano	lie
746	otla	beat
747	excite	excite
748	tlhaho	natural
749	maikutlo a	view
750	kutloiso	sense
751	motse-moholo	capital
752	ke ke	won't
753	setulo	chair
754	kotsi	danger
755	litholoana	fruit
756	ruileng	rich
757	teteaneng	thick

758	lesole	soldier
759	tshebetso	process
760	sebetsa	operate
761	tshebetso	practice
762	thoko	separate
763	ho le thata	difficult
764	ngaka	doctor
765	ka kopo	please
766	sireletsa	protect
767	motsehare o moholo	noon
768	lijalo	crop
769	mehlang ea kajeno	modern
770	elements	element
771	otla	hit
772	seithuti	student
773	sekhutlo	corner
774	mokga	party
775	phepelo	supply
776	eo	whose
777	fumana	locate
778	lesale	ring
779	botho ba	character
780	likokoanyana	insect
781	tšoaroa	caught
782	nako	period
783	bontša	indicate
784	-le-moea	radio
785	o ile a bua	spoke
786	athomo	atom
787	batho	human
788	histori	history
789	e le hantle	effect
790	motlakase	electric
791	lebella	expect
792	bone bone	bone
793	seporo	rail
794	nahana	imagine
795	fana ka	provide
796	lumellana	agree
797	ka tsela eo	thus

798	bonolo	gentle
799	mosali	woman
800	motsamaisi	captain
801	hakanya	guess
802	hlokahala	necessary
803	bohale	sharp
804	lepheo	wing
805	bōpa	create
806	moahelani oa	neighbor
807	hlatsoa	wash
808	ket	bat
809	ho e-na	rather
810	bongata bo boholo bo	crowd
811	poone	corn
812	bapisa	compare
813	thothokiso	poem
814	khoele	string
815	tšepe	bell
816	itšetleha	depend
817	nama	meat
818	tsoaetsa	rub
819	tube,	tube
820	tummeng	famous
921	ya dollar	dollar
822	molapo	stream
823	tšaba	fear
284	mahlong a	sight
825	tšesaane	thin
826	kgutlotharo	triangle
827	polanete	planet
828	potlaka	hurry
829	ka sehloohong	chief
830	kolone	colony
831	oache	clock
832	ka	mine
833	thae	tie
834	kena	enter
835	kgolo	major
836	a hloekileng	fresh
837	batla	search

838	romela	send
839	mosehla	yellow
840	sethunya	gun
841	lumella	allow
842	условия:	print
843	bafu	dead
844	letheba	spot
845	lehoatateng	desert
846	sutu	suit
847	hona joale	current
848	phahamisa	lift
840	a ema	rose
850	fihla	arrive
851	mong'a	master
852	pina	track
853	motsoali	parent
854	lebopong la leoatle	shore
855	karohano	division
856	lakane	sheet
857	ntho	substance
858	mohau	favor
859	amahanya	connect
860	poso	post
861	qeta	spend
862	samjun	chord
863	mafura a	fat
864	thabela	glad
865	pele	original
866	kabelo	share
867	seteisheneng	station
868	ntate	dad
869	bohobe	bread
870	laela ka	charge
871	loketseng	proper
872	bareng	bar
873	fana ka	offer
874	karolo	segment
875	lekhoba	slave
876	letata	duck
877	hang-hang	instant

878	marakeng	market
879	tekanyo e	degree
880	tlatse	populate
881	Chick	chick
882	ratehang	dear
883	sera	enemy
884	araba ka	reply
885	seno	drink
886	etsahala	occur
887	tshehetso	support
888	puo	speech
889	tlhaho	nature
890	fapaneng	range
891	mouoane	steam
892	tshisinyo	motion
893	tsela	path
894	metsi	liquid
895	kena	log
896	ho ne ho bolela	meant
897	quotient	quotient
898	meno a	teeth
899	shell a	shell
900	molaleng	neck
901	oksijene	oxygen
902	tsoekere	sugar
903	lefu	death
904	le ntle	pretty
905	bokgoni	skill
906	basali ba	women
907	nako	season
908	tharollo	solution
909	makenete	magnet
910	silevera	silver
911	leboha	thank
912	ea lekala	branch
913	a bapisoa	match
914	suffix	suffix
915	haholo-holo	especially
916	feie	fig
917	tšaba	afraid

918	khōlō	huge
919	morali'abo rona	sister
920	tšepe	steel
921	buisana	discuss
922	pele	forward
923	tšoanang	similar
924	tataisa	guide
925	boiphihlelo	experience
926	laduma	score
927	apole	apple
928	reka	bought
929	led	led
930	sekontiri se metsi	pitch
931	seaparo	coat
932	boima	mass
933	karete ya	card
934	sehlopha	band
935	thapo	rope
936	setlankana	slip
937	trong win	win
938	lora	dream
939	mantsiboea	evening
940	boemo	condition
941	fepa ka	feed
942	sesebelisoa	tool
943	kakaretso	total
944	tsa motheo tsa	basic
945	monko	smell
946	phuleng	valley
947	kapa	nor
948	habeli	double
949	setulo	seat
950	tsoela pele	continue
951	thibela	block
952	chate	chart
953	hats	hat
954	rekisa	sell
955	katleho	success
956	khampani	company
957	subtract	subtract

958	ketsahalo	event
959	itseng	particular
960	sebetsana	deal
961	sesa	swim
962	nako	term
963	fapaneng	opposite
964	mosali oa	wife
965	boots	shoe
966	ka mahetla	shoulder
967	ata	spread
968	lokisetsa	arrange
969	kampong	camp
970	qapa	invent
971	k'hothone	cotton
972	hlaha	born
973	hore na	determine
974	quart	quart
975	tse robong	nine
976	teraka e	truck
977	lerata	noise
978	boemong ba	level
979	monyetla	chance
980	bokella	gather
981	lebenkele	shop
982	otlolla	stretch
983	lahlela	throw
984	le khanye ka	shine
985	thepa	property
986	kholomo	column
987	molek'hule	molecule
988	khetha	select
989	fosahetseng	wrong
990	ea bohlooho	gray
991	a pheta-pheta	repeat
992	hloka	require
993	sephara	broad
994	lokisetsa	prepare
995	letsoai	salt
996	nko	nose
997	ka bongateng	plural

998

bohale

anger

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kleima

claim

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k'honthinente

continent