

Shiyeyi – Setswana – English Picture Dictionary.

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ami—metsi--water
awana wu shikwere--barutwa—students
awatu—batho--people
baba— rremogolo --grandfather
chiki—bongwe--one
fura motshodzo —kgaola bojang—cut grass
gcinika/gcitikka— go tlhoma - to build a foundation
habuwe—--nonyane e nnye--a small bird
haciya—kokolohutwe--heron
hamathambo—samathambo--bush baby
hanamanqee—Radipolelo—storyteller (male)
harukwezi—phakalane--hawk
hindika--leleka—chase
hweta---bua—to speak
ibinkiri— borekisetso-store (shop)
idze— tsameka – play
ima—mme--mother
ina—nta--louse
indingu—_____ thumb piano
indje—phepheng--scorpion
indjira—tsela--path
indjuwo—ntlo—hut, house
indzi—ntsi--fly
inengu—thakadu--ant bear, anteater
infuru—khudubane—turtle, tortoise
infuwa— tshimo—ploughing field
ing'anga--ngaka—doctor
ing'ombe—kgomo --cow
ingoma/ingwama--moropa—drum
inguwo—kobo--blanket
inkhwezi—ntswi/ntsu--fish eagle
innyishi—notshi--bee
innywaka—noga--snake
inshwi—tlhapi--fish
insipa—bontsho--black
inthuru—hutshe/tlhoro--hat

intjakani— seletso - tambourine
intsitsi— nonyane ee nang le botala -blue waxbill
invura--pula—rain
inxee-- go bolela— to tell
inyama—nama--meat
inyindo—noto--hammer
iqhamu--feela—sweep
ithoworo—tlhobolo--gun
itjuwa—mogopo —bowl
ixhooxo— kgotletsa- put wood on the fire
iyaaya—ruta--teach
izhowo—bodutu--lonely
juwa-- fuduwa--paddle
kaawa— fish bag/fish basket
kaci ku shishangu—kgole ya setlhako--shoelace
kafuro—thipa--knife
kakara—rema—chop down
kanquma—pitsa--dishpan/pot
karongo— Pitsa ya mmopa --clay pot
katuwo—leso/leswana--spoon
kavukuvuku—sedirisiwa sa logong--log instrument
kerika—apara--cook
koshura—gotlhola--cough
ku qhoowusu mundiro—go tsa molelo—to make a fire
ku qhu—nnoto/lefela—zero/nothing
kuna— jwala – to plant
kuti—tsebe--ear
kwara/tjanga—kwala--write
kweenda----tsamaya—walk/go
kyawa zinkuni—rwalela--gather firewood
ldaaya— lebo/bona--watch
lda—jaa--eat
ldidorombira—lephutshe--pumpkin
ldidzi—lengole--knee
ldigcau—mositlhaphala--centepede
ldikumi— lesome --ten
ldikuyandavu—- seboko sese mabowa - hairy worm-like creature
ldima—lema--plough
ldipapa—letlhare--leaf
ldira—lela--cry

lditjhatjha—Moseme--papyrus mat
ldiyi—lee--egg
ldiyini—lenong--vulture
ma pindi ami— o rwele metsi --carry water
ma ti rasi shitina— o dira setena--make blocks
masuku—bosigo--night
mundiro—molelo--fire
mune—monwana--finger
munquni (unquni)— mokolwane--coconut palm
mupandzi—moalafi--healer/doctor
mupundi—ngwana--baby, child
muqoma— koma --papyrus reed
muruki i ziteko— _____ --basketmaker
muti—setlhare--tree
muyaayati—moruti--teacher
muyindja wo wu undaldi—lotlhaka lwa mmidi --cornstalk
muzi—motse--village
mwananga—ngwake--my child, son, daughter
mweende—tswii--water lily root
nakuranga—nkoko--grandmother
ncamisa—amusa --feed
ncipaara— tomola_ --weed
ncuna— goga ka molomo_ --suck
pata ni maandja—tshwara diatla--shake hands
pura— photha - thrash in a mortar
quwusa mundiru— gotsa moleleo --tend the fire
rachochoro— rema ditlhatshana--clear land
randa—palama/pagama--climb
rangara—robala--sleep
ruboni—lebone--lamp/lantern
rufu/refu—loso--death
ruka ziteko— loga ditlatlana--make baskets
ruka—kgwa/tlhatsha--vomit
rukau—_mogala --rope to tie cattle for milking
rukwaro—lokwalo--book
ruldime—loleme--tongue
rudiya—lofofa--feather
runaka— lenaka --horn
rupeezo—lofeelo/lefeelo--broom
rwaanda— lesaka la dikgomo --cattle kraal

sa—epa--dig
shigxau—thebe—shield/or utensil
shikwere—sekole/sekolo--school
shimashiri—bolwetsi—sickness
 Shinxe – molao--- law or a plan
shiqoko— thito/ditsho ---- history or root/beginning
shisuu—tiro--work
shiteko/shitwere—seroto/tlatana--basket
shithungu— lesaka la dipudi--goat kraal
shitina—ditenaa--blocks
shitono—kika--mortar
shiwowa—tutuntshwane--mushroom
sikama—nna fatshe—sit down
tanda wa nyawuya—tsoma diphologo--hunt
tapa—tsola--serve
tate—rra/rre/ntate--father
ta—tsholola --spill
tishiza —dumedisa--greet
tiya—siana--run
tjaara—monwana wa kgontswe--thumb
tjatjaldika—tetesela--shiver
tshima —roka--sew
tshuraara— kgaolela--chop/cut (meat)
tshwa matshe—kgwa mathe--spit saliva
tungaasa--tlhomaganya—making rows
twa—thuga--pound (in a mortar)
tyaa kapeto— thaisa segole – set a trap
udongi—tonki/esele--donkey
uemere—emere--bucket
ugu—nku/sehutshane--sheep
umbiyi ya moni muzi—petsana--colt
umbiyi—pitse/pitse ya naga—horse/zebra
umbwa—ntswa/ntsa/moya--dog
umpapagcipwi—mmamanhwane--bat
umphene—podi--goat
umpiripisa—serurubele--butterfly
umpuku—peba/lebodi--mouse/rat
umpuru—phiri--hyena
umushi—motshi--pestle
umuya wa mu cimbi— mmutlwa o mo tlabile--- a thorn has pricked his/her finger

undaldi—mmid-i-maize
undavu—tau--lion
undjovo—tlou--elephant
undzuzu—tholo --sitatunga
ung'andu—kwena--crocodile
ungiri—kolobe--pig, bushpig, warthog
ungquru—kgatitswe--lizard
ungwegara— konyana ya noka ---water mongoose
ungwe—lengau--leopard
unkaka—_____ pangolin
unhombobo—segwana/phafana--gourd
unkuku—koko--chicken/ rooster
unkukwaana—kokwana--chick
unkuyu—tshipa/ntlole--spring hare
unshindi—sethora--squirrel
unshoko—kgabo--monkey
unshungudzu—tshukudu--rhino
unshuru—mmutla--rabbit
unthathaldi—_____ --hummingbird
unthuldi—poo/kgotloko—bull
untjhongwa—letswai--salt
unungu—noko/noku--porcupine
unvuvu—kubu--hippo
unvweshe—thutlwa--giraffe
upiki—peke/kepu--pick
uqu—morubisi--owl
ushweke—pidipidi/pelepele--duck
utjura—segwagwa/segogwa/segogwane--frog
uwongooro—_____ --millipede
uwoto—mokoro--canoe
uwurutwa—tshwene--baboon
uxhwaaya— nonyane --cattle egret
uyengura— manoko -peanuts
vuna— roba --pick corn
Vweta ami—ga metsi --fetch water
wamashira— balwetsi - patients
wandama/**tshingama**—obega (ka ntlha ya bogodi)--bend one's back
wara—bala--read
weera ko ku ldiiru—_ balela ko godimo--read aloud
wuldimino—bolepe/moralo/mothalo--furrows

wuldisa—bapatsa/rekisa--sell
wunee—bone --four
wura—reka/bapala--buy/buying
wuratjhi—borachi--brush
wuro—bolao--bed
wurotho/mukuma—borotho--bread
wushano—tlhano--five
wuso— sefatlhego ---face
wutaatu—raro--three
wuvundja uchiki—boferabongwe--nine
wuvundja unee—thataro/thatara--six
wuvundja uyiri—bo fera bobedi--eight
wuyirika—supa/bosupa--seven
wuyiri—pedi/bedi/bobedi--two
yana-- sela--find something that's lost
yanakana--akanya—think
yanika ziraro— anega diaparo--hang clothes
yazura—bula--open (the door)
yimba—opela--sing
yira—bela--boil, simmer
ywaa— tlhapa -- bath (yourself)
yweesa iziwa—tlhatswa dijana--wash dishes
yweesa mupundi—tlhapisa ngwana—bath the baby
yweesa ziraro—tlhatswa diaparo--wash clothes
zana—bina/itumele—dance (literal)- enjoy (figurative)
zilduwa—dijo--food
zincoro— ditlhapi tse di nnyenyane--small fish, minnow
zinkumba—lodi--rope