

BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 1

Objectives

1. To learn and understand the pronunciation of phonetic sounds in Setswana.
 2. Practice sounding out the phonetic sounds using some words.
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Shona is a phonetic language. It is therefore easy to read or say because it only has 5 vowels. All Shona words are derived from the vowel sounds as shown below.

Read it out loud

A-ah!	E-eh!	I-ih!	O-oh!	U-uh!
<u>A</u>rt	<u>E</u>gg	<u>I</u>nk	<u>O</u>ranger	<u>U</u>hook

In every word, each syllable must be said out clearly so that the vowel sound is heard.

Practise sounding the following.

“b”	a soft implosive sound as in “bata’	
“bh”	a hard aspirated sound-air explodes from your lips as in: “bin” in English.	Bhachi, bhazi,bhora
“d”	a soft implosive sound	daira, dana
“dh”	a hard aspirated sound as in “donkey”	dhadha, dhongi, dhishi
“h”	a hard aspirated <u>coarse</u> sound <u>not</u> found in English –made from the throat!	hembe, heti, haiwa

Practice sounds in columns 2 through 6. **Master the sounds first**, sound it out and then read the words in the associated word column.

1	2	3	4	5	6	words	words
Aa	A A-ah!	E e-eh!	I i-ih!	O O-oh!	U u-uh!	Uko <i>there</i>	Ega <i>alone</i>
Bb	Ba	Be	Bi	Bo	Bu	Bepa <i>paper</i>	Bara <i>bullet</i>
Bb	Bha	Bhe	Bhi	Bho	Bhu	Bhande <i>belt</i>	Bhuku <i>book</i>
Cc	Cha	Che	Chi	Cho	Chu	Chura <i>frog</i>	Chata <i>wed</i>
Dd	Da	De	Di	Do	Du	Dota <i>ash</i>	Denga <i>sky</i>
Dd	Dha	Dhe	Dhi	Dho	Dhu	Dhongi <i>donkey</i>	Dhuma <i>bump</i>

Ff	Fa	Fe	Fi	Fo	Fu	Fema <i>breathe</i>	Funga <i>think</i>
Gg	Ga	Ge	Gi	Go	Gu	Gore <i>cloud</i>	Gocha <i>roast</i>
Hh	Ha	He	Hi	Ho	Hu	Hondo <i>war</i>	Huku <i>chicken</i>
Jj	Ja	Je	Ji	Jo	Ju	Jeri <i>jail</i>	Jira <i>cloth</i>
Kk	Ka	Ke	Ki	Ko	Ku	Kitsi <i>cat</i>	Kero <i>address</i>
Mm	Ma	Me	Mi	Mo	Mu	Moto <i>fire</i>	Mira <i>wait</i>
Mm	Mva	Mve	Mvi	Mvo	Mvu	Mvura <i>water</i>	Mvemve <i>rags</i>
Mm	Mwa	Mwe	Mwi	Mwo	Mwu	Mwana <i>child</i>	Mwoyo <i>heart</i>
Nn	Na	Ne	Ni	No	Nu	Natira	Namata <i>pray</i>

Nn	Nda	Nde	Ndi	Ndo	Ndu	Ndira <i>January</i>	Ndoda <i>I want</i>
Pp	Pa	Pe	Pi	Po	Pu	Peta <i>fold</i>	Pinda <i>enter</i>
Rr	Ra	Re	Ri	Ro	Ru	Reva <i>gossip</i>	Ruka <i>knit</i>
Rw	rwa	rwe	rwi	rwo	rwu	Rwizi <i>river</i>	Rwara <i>sick</i>
Ss	Sa	Se	Si	So	Su	Suka <i>wash</i>	Sora <i>weed</i>
Ss	Sha	She	Shi	Sho	Shu	Shoma <i>little</i>	Shinda <i>wool</i>
Ss	Sva	Sve	Svi	Svo	Svu	Svika <i>arrive</i>	Svava <i>wither</i>
Tt	Ta	Te	Ti	To	Tu	Tema <i>chop</i>	tora <i>take</i>
Tt	Tsa	Tse	Tsi	Tso	tsu	Tsitsi <i>mercy</i>	Tsuro <i>rabbit</i>

Vv	Va	Ve	Vi	Vo	Vu	Vega <i>alone</i>	Viga <i>hide</i>
Vv	Vha	vhe	vhi	vho	vhu	Vhara <i>close</i>	Vhura <i>open</i>
Ww	Wa	We	Wi	Wo	Wu	Wana <i>find</i>	Wora <i>rot</i>
Yy	Ya	Ye	Yi	Yo	Yu	Yafa <i>dead</i>	Yake <i>his/her's</i>
Zz	za	ze	zi	zo	zu	Zera <i>age</i>	Zita <i>name</i>
Zv	zva	zve	zvi	zvo	zvu	Zvipo <i>gifts</i>	Zvuva <i>drag</i>

Vocabulary Bank

Practise reading these words out loud as guided by the phonic sounds learnt.

Kgagola	Tear
Sekere/sekero	Scissors
bogare	Center
Melora	Ashes
akanya	Think
wa	Fall
Tsaya	Take
Bula	Open
Botsa	Ask
Legodu	Thief
Tshela	Pour

Note to developers

Practice Test-Practice exercises could be.....examples below

1. Shuffle
2. <https://quizlet.com/>
3. [https //www.proprofs.com](https://www.proprofs.com) quizzes
4. <https://www.free-anatomy-quiz.com>
5. Free reign however you design it