

Offensive and non-Offensive Terminology

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Albinism	A congenital disorder characterized by the complete or partial absence ... While an organism with complete absence of melanin is called an <i>albino</i>	Boswefe/bosofe
Albino	A person with pale skin, light hair, pinkish eyes, and visual abnormalities resulting from a hereditary inability to produce the pigment melanin.	Leswefe/lesofe
Autism	Neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by impaired social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication, and restricted and repetitive behaviour.	<i>Othism</i>
Black	A <u>black person</u> . This <u>word</u> is sometimes considered <u>offensive</u> , so you should be very <u>careful</u> about <u>using</u> it	Motho e motsho
Blind person	A person with visual impairment	Sefofu
Blindness	The inability to see anything, even light. The state of being totally sightless in both eyes. A completely blind individual is unable to see at all.	Bofofu
Cripple (offensive) physically challenged (none offensive)	Partially or totally unable to use one or more limbs	Seqhwala
Deaf	Not hearing or partially hearing	Setholo /tsebetutu(offensive)
Drunkard	A person who drinks hard liquors habitually.	Letahwa
Elderly person	The age of 60 or 65, roughly equivalent to retirement ages in most developed countries is said to be the beginning of old age.	Leqheku/ leqhekwana
Epilepsy	A disorder of the nervous	Sethwathwa

	system, characterized either by mild, episodic loss of attention or sleepiness	
Gay	A homosexual person or the trait of being homosexual	Setabana(offensive) /Geiyi
Grandmother	The mother of one's father or mother	Nkgono
Indian	A Native American	Moindia
Insane person	A person with A state of mind which prevents normal perception, behaviour, or social interaction; seriously mentally ill.	Lehlanya
Insanity	A state of mind which prevents normal perception, behaviour, or social interaction; seriously mentally ill.	Bohlanya
Lame	Unable to walk without difficulty as the result of an injury or illness affecting the leg or foot.	- fokolang
Lesbian	A female who experiences romantic love or sexual attraction to other females.	Setabane/lesbiyene
Men	An adult male person, as distinguished from a boy or a woman.	Banna
Mute	A speech disorder in which a person lacks the ability to speak.	Semumu
Prostitute	A person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity for payment	Seotswa
Prostitution	The practice or occupation of engaging in sexual activity with someone for payment	Bootswa
Stutter	A speech disorder in which the flow of speech is disrupted by involuntary repetitions and prolongations of sounds, syllables	Bohwelea /- hweleketsa
Stuttering person	A person with a speech disorder in which the flow of speech is disrupted by involuntary repetitions	Lehwelea

	and prolongations of sounds, syllables	
Women	The female human being, as distinguished from a girl or a man	Basadi