

Rosa's Time-Telling Adventure in French

Learning objective: To be able to tell the time in French using o'clock, half past, and quarter past/to.

Read the story below about Rosa the parrot. Look carefully at the French phrases she uses to talk about her day. Use these to answer the questions that follow.

Rosa the parrot lives in a colourful aviary and loves keeping to a strict schedule. Each morning, she squawks, 'Quelle heure est-il ?' to check her watch. At 8:00, she starts her singing practice: 'Il est huit heures.' By 8:15, she is busy reading: 'Il est huit heures et quart.' When the clock strikes 8:30, she flies to find some breakfast: 'Il est huit heures et demie.' Finally, at 8:45, she finishes her meal: 'Il est neuf heures moins le quart.'

Word bank: Quelle heure est-il ? (What time is it?) · Il est ... heure(s). (It is ... o'clock.) · et quart (quarter past) · et demie (half past) · moins le quart (quarter to)

1. What does the French phrase 'Quelle heure est-il ?' mean in English? (1 mark)

2. If Rosa says 'Il est dix heures', what time is it in English? (1 mark)

3. Write the French phrase for 'quarter past' and use it in a sentence for 4:15. (2 marks)

4. Rosa is eating a snack at 2:30. How would she say this time in French? (2 marks)

5. Explain the difference between 'et quart' and 'moins le quart'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw four clock faces showing 3:00, 3:15, 3:30, and 3:45. Write the correct French phrase underneath each clock.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a day out with Rosa. Write three sentences in French saying what time you will do three different activities (e.g., 'At 10:00 we will read, at 10:30 we will fly...').