

Rosa's Weather Report

Learning objective: To understand and use French weather vocabulary in context.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences. Remember to look for the French weather phrases hidden in Rosa's report.

Rosa the parrot loves to travel across the world. Today, she is visiting a beautiful park in France to give her weekly weather report to her friends. Rosa sits on a high branch and squawks loudly to get everyone's attention. 'Bonjour!' she chirps. 'Today, the sun is shining brightly, so il fait beau in the park! It is the perfect day for a picnic under the trees.'

However, Rosa knows that the weather can change very quickly. She looks up at the clouds gathering in the distance. 'Be careful,' she warns. 'Later, it might change because il pleut often in this region. You should bring your umbrellas just in case!'

When winter comes, Rosa flies to a warmer place because she does not like it when il fait froid. She prefers when it is summer and il fait chaud, so she can fly high into the blue sky. Rosa loves tracking the weather patterns because it helps her decide where to fly next. Whether it is sunny or rainy, Rosa always finds a reason to sing a happy song about the weather.

Word bank: Il fait beau - It is nice/sunny · Il pleut - It is raining · Il fait froid - It is cold · Il fait chaud - It is hot · Le ciel - The sky

1. According to the text, what does the French phrase 'il fait beau' mean? (2 marks)

2. Why does Rosa tell her friends to bring an umbrella? (2 marks)

3. What does Rosa do when the weather becomes cold (il fait froid)? (2 marks)

4. Why might Rosa prefer the summer over the winter months? (2 marks)

5. Do you think being able to talk about the weather in another language is a useful skill? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot sitting in a tree. Include two weather symbols in the sky: one showing 'il fait beau' (a sun) and one showing 'il pleut' (a rain cloud).



Extension challenge: Research and write down three more French weather phrases. Use them to write a short weather forecast for your own town!