

Rosa's French Market Adventure

Learning objective: To read and understand French numbers from 1 to 20 within a narrative context.

Read the story about Rosa the parrot carefully, then answer the questions below to test your understanding.

Rosa the parrot loves visiting the colourful market in France. Today, she is helping a baker count his delicious pastries. She flies down and lands on a wooden stall. 'Bonjour!' she chirps, ready to practise her French. The baker has a large tray of golden croissants. Rosa counts them carefully: 'Un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq.' There are five croissants on the first tray. Next, she looks at the muffins. There are ten muffins neatly lined up in a row. 'Dix!' Rosa squawks happily. She spots a basket filled with sweet biscuits. She counts them quickly, one by one, until she reaches fifteen biscuits. Finally, she looks at the baguette rack. There are twenty long, crusty loaves of bread waiting for customers. Rosa loves using her French to help the baker. Each item costs just one pound, or 'une livre', so the maths is very easy for her to check. With her wings tucked in, Rosa feels proud to know her numbers so well. She knows that learning to count in another language is the best way to make new friends at the market.

Word bank: un (1) · deux (2) · trois (3) · quatre (4) · cinq (5) · dix (10) · quinze (15) · vingt (20) · le marché (the market) · combien (how many)

1. How many croissants did Rosa count on the first tray? (2 marks)

2. What is the French word for the number 10, as mentioned in the text? (2 marks)

3. Why does Rosa feel proud while she is at the market? (2 marks)

4. How can you tell that Rosa enjoys helping the baker? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is useful for Rosa to know French numbers? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot sitting on a market stall next to a basket of 15 biscuits and a tray of 5 croissants.



Extension challenge: Choose three other numbers between 1 and 20. Research their French names and write a short sentence for each one, just like Rosa did in the story!