

Rosa's French Verb Adventure: Present and Past Tenses

Learning objective: To identify and use common French verbs in the present tense and the perfect tense (passé composé) with the auxiliary verb 'avoir'.

Join Rosa the parrot on a language journey! In this template, you will practise conjugating French verbs. Use the word bank to help you choose the correct verb endings and auxiliary verbs. Remember, in the past tense, you need to use 'j'ai' (I have) followed by the past participle.

Word bank: manger (to eat) · jouer (to play) · regarder (to watch) · j'ai mangé (I ate) · j'ai joué (I played) · j'ai regardé (I watched) · je mange (I eat) · je joue (I play) · je regarde (I watch)

1. Present Tense Action: Write a sentence in French about an activity you do every day using 'je'. Explain what you are doing in English. (2 marks)

2. Past Tense Transformation: Take the verb you chose above and rewrite it in the 'passé composé' (past tense) to show you finished the action yesterday. (2 marks)

3. Verb Comparison: Why do we need the word 'ai' when we talk about something we did in the past? Look at the examples in the word bank to help you. (3 marks)

4. Rosa's Challenge: Choose a new verb from the word bank that is not 'manger'. Write one sentence for the present tense and one sentence for the past tense. (3 marks)

5. Pattern Spotting: Look at the endings of the past tense verbs in the word bank (mangé, joué, regardé). What do they all have in common? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you write a short dialogue between you and Rosa the parrot describing three things you did at the weekend using the 'j'ai' past tense structure?