

Rosa's Spanish Calendar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and understand the Spanish names for the months of the year.

Read the short story about Rosa the parrot below. Pay close attention to the Spanish words for the months, then answer the questions that follow.

Rosa the parrot loves to share her favourite language with her friends. Every morning, she sits in the old oak tree and teaches the forest animals the Spanish names for the months of the year. 'In enero, the ground is cold,' she squawks cheerfully. By the time marzo arrives, the flowers begin to bloom. Rosa tells the animals that mayo is the best time to spot butterflies. When the summer sun warms the forest in julio and agosto, Rosa sings songs about the bright blue sky. As the leaves turn brown in octubre, she reminds everyone that winter is coming soon. The year ends with diciembre, a time for reflection and joy. Rosa explains that learning the months helps everyone plan their exciting adventures together. Whether it is a chilly morning in febrero or a sunny day in junio, Rosa is always ready to practise. She believes that every month has its own special charm, and she encourages her friends to use their Spanish words whenever they can. Even little animals like to join in, chirping their new vocabulary from the branches above.

Word bank: enero (January) · febrero (February) · marzo (March) · abril (April) · mayo (May) · junio (June) · julio (July) · agosto (August) · septiembre (September) · octubre (October) · noviembre (November) · diciembre (December)

1. According to the text, which month does Rosa say is the best time to spot butterflies? (1 mark)

2. List the two months mentioned in the text that are part of the summer season. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Rosa believes it is important for the other animals to learn the months in Spanish? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'a time for reflection' suggest about how the animals feel about the month of diciembre? (2 marks)

5. If you were planning an outdoor birthday party in the forest, which month would you choose based on Rosa's descriptions? Explain your choice. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot sitting in a tree with twelve colourful leaves, each labelled with one of the Spanish months of the year.



Extension challenge: Research the Spanish names for the four seasons and write a sentence for each one explaining what the weather is like in that season.