

Rosa the Parrot's Spanish Adventures

Learning objective: To identify and understand basic Spanish verb tenses and patterns in the present and infinitive forms.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Think about how the verbs change depending on who is doing the action.

Rosa the parrot is a very clever bird who loves to teach her friends new languages. Today, she is helping the other animals learn about Spanish verbs. Rosa explains that in Spanish, verbs often end in -ar, -er, or -ir. When we talk about what we are doing right now, the endings change to match the person. For example, if Rosa wants to say 'I speak', she says 'yo hablo'. If she wants to say 'we eat', she says 'nosotros comemos'. Rosa reminds her friends that the infinitive form is the basic version of the verb, like 'vivir', which means 'to live'. By practising these patterns, the animals can share stories about their day. Max the monkey is excited because he loves finding patterns in the verb endings. 'It is just like a maths puzzle!' he chirps. Rosa laughs and says that learning a language is the best adventure of all. Whether they are eating fruit or living in the jungle, the animals feel proud as they practise their new Spanish sentences together.

Word bank: hablar (to speak) · comer (to eat) · vivir (to live) · yo (I) · tú (you) · nosotros (we)

1. List the three types of verb endings that Rosa mentions in the text. (2 marks)

2. Which Spanish verb does Rosa use as an example for the infinitive form 'to live'? (1 mark)

3. Why does Max the monkey think that learning Spanish verb patterns is like a maths puzzle? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'yo hablo' mean in English based on the text? (1 mark)

5. Do you think Rosa is a good teacher? Use evidence from the text to justify your opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Rosa the parrot standing on a branch with a whiteboard. On the whiteboard, draw the Spanish verb 'hablar' and add speech bubbles for the animals showing them using their new words.



Extension challenge: Choose one English verb, such as 'to play', and create your own imaginary Spanish version of the verb by adding -ar, -er, or -ir to the end. Write three sentences using your new word!