

Rosa's Animal Adventure in Spanish

Learning objective: To learn and use Spanish vocabulary for common animals and describe their characteristics.

Read the passage about Rosa the parrot's animal friends. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions below.

¡Hola! I am Rosa. I love flying through the forest and meeting new friends. Today, I am introducing you to some of the animals I have met. I saw a small cat, el gato, sitting under a tree. Nearby, a large elephant, el elefante, was eating leaves. I also spotted a brave lion, el león, resting in the sun. Finally, I saw a very small bird, el pájaro, chirping happily. My favorite animal is the bird because we can both fly! Mi animal favorito es el pájaro.

Word bank: el perro (dog) · el gato (cat) · el pájaro (bird) · el león (lion) · el elefante (elephant) · grande (big) · pequeño (small) · mi animal favorito es...

1. What is the Spanish word for 'cat'? Use the word bank to help you. (1 mark)

2. In the passage, Rosa describes the elephant. Is the elephant 'grande' or 'pequeño'? (1 mark)

3. Write a full sentence in Spanish to say what your favorite animal is, using the phrase from the word bank. (2 marks)

4. Rosa saw a 'león'. What is the English name for this animal? (1 mark)

5. If you had to describe a mouse, would you use the word 'grande' or 'pequeño'? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your favorite animal from the list and label it with its Spanish name.



Extension challenge: Try to find out the Spanish word for another animal not on our list, such as a horse (el caballo) or a fish (el pez), and write a sentence about it!