

Rosa's Rainbow Palette: French Colours

Learning objective: To identify, spell, and apply French colour vocabulary to describe objects, demonstrating an understanding of adjective agreement (masculine/feminine).

Rosa the parrot has been flying over a beautiful garden. She has spotted many colourful items, but she has mixed up her French labels! Match the French colour adjectives to the objects below. Remember: in French, adjectives often change if the object is feminine (ending in 'e'). Pay close attention to the nouns provided.

Word bank: bleu / bleue · jaune · rouge · vert / verte · noir / noire · blanc / blanche · orange · violet / violette

1. 1. The sky is blue (le ciel est ____). Explain why we do not add an 'e' to 'bleu' here. (2 marks)

2. 2. The apple is green (la pomme est ____). Justify your choice of spelling based on the gender of the noun 'pomme'. (2 marks)

3. 3. The sun is yellow (le soleil est ____). Is 'jaune' different for masculine and feminine nouns? Why is this helpful? (2 marks)

4. 4. Compare and contrast the adjectives 'vert' and 'blanche'. What happens to the spelling when they become feminine? (2 marks)

5. 5. What might happen if you described a 'fleur' (flower - feminine) as 'bleu' instead of 'bleue'? Does the meaning change, or is it a grammatical error? (2 marks)

6. 6. Write a sentence describing a 'chat' (cat - masculine) that is black and white, using the correct French adjective agreements. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a magical garden scene featuring at least four items mentioned in the activity. Label each item in French, ensuring you have used the correct masculine or feminine form of the colour adjective for each noun (e.g., 'une fleur rouge' or 'un arbre vert').



Extension challenge: Rosa wants to paint a sunset. Write a short paragraph in French describing the colours of a sunset, using at least five different colour adjectives. Challenge yourself by including one feminine noun (like 'la lune' or 'la mer') and one masculine noun (like 'le soleil' or 'le ciel') and ensure your adjectives agree with each.