

Rosa's Rainbow Adventure: French Colours

Learning objective: To identify, spell, and use French vocabulary for primary and secondary colours.

Read the passage below with Rosa the parrot. Use the information to answer the questions, ensuring you use the correct French spellings and gender agreements where necessary.

Bonjour! I am Rosa. Today, we are soaring over the French countryside. Look down at the landscape! The fields are 'vert' (green) and the sky is a bright 'bleu'. I can see a farmer wearing a 'rouge' hat near his 'jaune' tractor. In the distance, the mountains look 'violet' against the 'blanc' clouds. Below, a 'noir' cat sleeps on a fence. Colours are everywhere, and learning them in French helps us describe the beautiful world around us!

Word bank: rouge (red) · bleu (blue) · jaune (yellow) · vert (green) · orange (orange) · violet (purple) · noir (black) · blanc (white)

1. Rosa sees a farmer's tractor. Based on the passage, what colour is the tractor in French, and what is the English translation? (2 marks)

2. Explain why Rosa describes the mountains as 'violet'. What does this tell you about the time of day or the atmosphere? (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the colours 'vert' and 'jaune'. Where might you see these colours in a typical British garden? (3 marks)

4. If Rosa saw a white bird flying against a black storm cloud, how would she describe this in French? Use the word bank to help you. (2 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why is it important to learn the gender of colours if we were to describe a feminine noun in French, such as 'la fleur' (the flower)? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from Rosa's flight. Include at least four items from the passage and label them with their correct French colour names.



Extension challenge: What might happen to our description of the landscape if the sun set and the world turned dark? Write three sentences in French describing the night-time colours, and explain why you chose those specific words.