

Rosa's Market Day Numbers

Learning objective: To read and understand French numbers from 1 to 50 in a practical context.

Read the passage about Rosa the parrot visiting a French market, then answer the questions that follow in your exercise book.

Rosa the parrot was visiting a bustling market in a small French town. She loved practising her numbers while helping the local shopkeepers. At the first stall, she saw twelve bright red apples sitting in a basket. Rosa chirped, 'Douze pommes!' to the friendly farmer. Next, she flew to a flower stall where she counted thirty-five yellow sunflowers reaching towards the sun. She felt very proud of her counting skills. She then spotted a baker with a tray of fresh bread. The baker asked Rosa how many rolls were left. Rosa looked carefully and counted forty-eight rolls. 'Quarante-huit!' she squawked happily. Finally, she stopped by a stall selling colourful pencils. There were fifty pencils in a large jar. Rosa knew that 'cinquante' meant fifty. She loved how French numbers sounded like a song. As the sun began to set, Rosa flew back home, already planning to visit the market again tomorrow to count even higher numbers. She knew that learning a new language was the best adventure of all.

Word bank: le marché (the market) · combien (how many) · vingt (twenty) · trente (thirty) · quarante (forty) · cinquante (fifty)

1. How many red apples did Rosa count at the first stall? (1 mark)

2. What is the French word for the number fifty mentioned in the text? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Rosa felt 'very proud' while at the flower stall? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, how does Rosa feel about learning new languages? (2 marks)

5. Do you think learning numbers is a useful skill for a traveller? Explain your answer using a reason from the text or your own ideas. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot sitting on a market stall. Include a basket with 12 apples and a jar with 50 pencils, and label them with the correct French numbers.



Extension challenge: Research how to say the numbers 60 (soixante), 70 (soixante-dix), 80 (quatre-vingts), 90 (quatre-vingt-dix), and 100 (cent) in French. Create a colourful poster to display them.