

A Sunny Morning in the Plaza with Rosa

Learning objective: To understand and use common Spanish greetings and basic introductions in a social context.

Read the passage carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the Spanish phrases, then answer the questions below in full sentences.

The sun was rising over the colourful plaza as Rosa the parrot landed gracefully on a stone fountain. She spotted a new friend, a young rabbit named Barnaby, sitting on a bench. Rosa flapped her wings and chirped, “¡Hola! Buenos días.” Barnaby looked up, surprised but delighted. “Buenos días,” he replied shyly. Rosa hopped closer and asked, “¿Cómo estás?” Barnaby smiled and said, “Muy bien, gracias. ¿Y tú?” Rosa puffed out her bright feathers proudly. “Estoy muy bien también. It is a beautiful day for a stroll.” As more animals gathered in the plaza, Rosa helped introduce them. When she met a squirrel named Suki, Rosa chirped, “Mucho gusto, Suki.” Suki nodded politely, happy to make a new connection. Rosa loved how a few simple words could turn a stranger into a friend. By the time the clock struck noon, the plaza was buzzing with cheerful Spanish greetings. Rosa felt that learning a new language was like opening a secret door to the world, where every ‘hola’ was the start of a brand-new adventure.

Word bank: ¡Hola! - Hello! · Buenos días - Good morning · ¿Cómo estás? - How are you? · Muy bien, gracias - Very well, thank you · Mucho gusto - Pleased to meet you · Adiós - Goodbye

1. Which two animals does Rosa interact with in the plaza? (2 marks)

2. What is the Spanish phrase for 'Very well, thank you'? (1 mark)

3. Why does Barnaby respond 'shyly' when Rosa first speaks to him? (2 marks)

4. Explain why Rosa believes that learning a new language is 'like opening a secret door'. (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that greetings are important when meeting new people? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Rosa the parrot and Barnaby the rabbit meeting in a sunny plaza. Include speech bubbles showing them saying '¡Hola!' and 'Buenos días' to each other.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast: Why might we use different greetings at different times of the day (e.g., 'Buenos días' vs 'Buenas tardes')? If you were to meet a new friend from another country, which three Spanish phrases would you choose to use first and why? Justify your choices.