

Rosa's Calendar Adventure

Learning objective: To recall and understand the Spanish names for the months of the year.

Read the text below carefully, then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Rosa the parrot loves to teach her friends about time. One sunny morning, she gathered her forest companions to practise the months of the year in Spanish. 'The year begins with enero,' Rosa chirped brightly. 'Then comes febrero, which is often quite chilly.' As the seasons change, she explained that marzo, abril, and mayo bring the arrival of spring. For the summer months, Rosa taught the group junio, julio, and agosto, noting that these are perfect for swimming in the cool river. When the leaves turn golden, she announced, 'We reach septiembre, octubre, and noviembre.' Finally, the year concludes with diciembre, a time for reflection and gathering together. Max the monkey was particularly impressed by how similar some names sounded to English, while Pip the caterpillar enjoyed repeating the rhythmic sounds of the Spanish words. Rosa reminded them that learning a new language is like opening a door to a wider world. With a flutter of her colourful wings, she finished her lesson, leaving everyone excited to use their new vocabulary throughout the coming year.

Word bank: enero (January) · febrero (February) · marzo (March) · abril (April) · mayo (May) · junio (June) · julio (July) · agosto (August) · septiembre (September) · octubre (October) · noviembre (November) · diciembre (December)

1. Which three months does Rosa list as the spring months? (2 marks)

2. What does Rosa suggest doing during the months of junio, julio, and agosto? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Max the monkey finds the Spanish months easier to learn than some other topics? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, what does Rosa mean when she says learning a language is 'like opening a door'? (2 marks)

5. Which month do you think is the best month to celebrate in, and why? Use a Spanish word in your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular calendar divided into four seasons. Label each month in the correct Spanish translation and decorate each section with symbols representing that time of year (e.g., a snowflake for enero, flowers for mayo).



Extension challenge: Research the Spanish names for the days of the week and create a diary entry for your weekend using at least three Spanish time-related words.