

Rosa's Grand Tour of Spain

Learning objective: To read and understand a short Spanish passage about transport, identifying key vocabulary and comparing travel methods.

Read the text below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the Spanish terms. Answer the questions in full sentences, using evidence from the text where possible.

¡Hola! My name is Rosa, and I love to travel around Spain. To reach the sunny coast, I often take el tren. It is very fast and comfortable, although a first-class ticket can be quite expensive, costing £45. Sometimes, I prefer to take el autobús if I want to save money. A bus ticket usually costs £12, which is much more barato! It is a bit slower than the train, but you can see the beautiful landscape from the window. When I visit my friends in the islands, I must take el avión. Flying is the quickest way to travel, but it is not always the most relaxing. Whether I am sitting in a carriage, on a coach, or in the sky, I always have my travel journal ready. Each mode of transport has its own charm, and I enjoy noting down the prices and the scenery in my notebook. Which way would you choose to travel across this wonderful country?

Word bank: el tren - the train · el autobús - the bus · el avión - the aeroplane · rápido - fast · lento - slow · el billete - the ticket · viajar - to travel · barato - cheap · caro - expensive

1. Identify the two specific prices mentioned in the text for different modes of transport. (Literal) (2 marks)

2. According to the passage, why might a traveller choose to take the bus instead of the train? (Literal) (2 marks)

3. Explain why Rosa might feel differently about travelling by aeroplane compared to travelling by train. (Inferential) (3 marks)

4. What does the word 'landscape' tell us about what Rosa sees from the window of the bus? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. If you had a budget of £50 to travel across Spain, which transport method would you choose and why? Justify your answer. (Evaluative) (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing Rosa the parrot looking out of a window. Show three different modes of transport—a train, a bus, and an aeroplane—in the background.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a trip across Europe. Create a small table comparing three different ways to travel (e.g., train, bus, boat). Include columns for 'Speed', 'Cost', and 'Best Feature'. Write a paragraph explaining which one you would choose for a family holiday and why.