El Tiempo con Rosa: A Weather Journey

Learning objective: To understand and use Spanish vocabulary related to weather and seasons.

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

Rosa the parrot loves flying across Spain to check the weather. In the north, during el invierno, she often needs a warm scarf because hace frío and it is very cloudy. However, as she flies south towards the coast, the scene changes completely. In el verano, Rosa enjoys the bright, golden light because hace sol all day long. Sometimes, Rosa spots dark clouds gathering over the mountains and warns the other birds that llueve, so they must find shelter in the trees. Occasionally, the air becomes very lively and hace viento, which makes flying quite a challenge, even for a talented parrot like her. Rosa enjoys recording these patterns in her notebook. She knows that understanding the weather is vital for planning her travels. Whether it is a bright, warm day or a chilly, wet afternoon, Rosa always keeps a smile on her beak. She loves practising her Spanish phrases with her friends, teaching them how to describe the sky above them while they look up at the clouds together.

Word bank: Hace sol - It is sunny · Hace frío - It is cold · Llueve - It is raining · Hace viento - It is windy · El invierno - Winter · El verano - Summer

1. What does Rosa need to wear when it is 'hace frío' in the north? (2 marks)

2. According to the text, what does Rosa do when she sees dark clouds gathering? (2 marks)

3. Why might Rosa find it difficult to fly when 'hace viento'? (2 marks)

4. Based on the passage, how does Rosa feel about her travels across Spain? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important for travellers to check the weather forecast? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot flying in the sky. Include one side of the paper showing 'hace sol' with a bright sun, and the other side showing 'llueve' with rain clouds.

Extension challenge: Research and write down three more Spanish weather phrases to teach your classmates. Include the English translation for each.