

Rosa's Seasonal Calendar

Learning objective: To identify and use the months of the year in French, understanding their order and seasonal context.

Read the passage below carefully. Use your knowledge of French vocabulary to answer the questions. For the extension task, think critically about how seasons influence our lives.

Rosa the parrot loves to teach her friends about the passing of the year in French. She explains that the year begins with janvier, when the weather is often cold and crisp. As the frost melts, le printemps arrives in mars, avril, and mai. Rosa chirps happily when she talks about the sunshine of l'été, which includes juin, juillet, and août. During these months, she enjoys flying through the bright blue sky. When the leaves begin to turn golden and crunchy, it is time for l'automne, covering septembre, octobre, and novembre. Finally, the year concludes with décembre, where the air grows chilly again as l'hiver takes hold. Rosa reminds her friends that every month has its own special charm, whether it is the flowers blooming in mai or the cosy feeling of being indoors during décembre. She encourages everyone to practise saying the months aloud, as the rhythm of the words makes them much easier to remember. By mapping the twelve months, Rosa helps her friends understand the cyclic nature of the seasons and the beauty of changing weather.

Word bank: janvier (January) · février (February) · mars (March) · avril (April) · mai (May) · juin (June) · juillet (July) · août (August) · septembre (September) · octobre (October) · novembre (November) · décembre (December) · le printemps (spring) · l'été (summer) · l'automne (autumn) · l'hiver (winter)

1. Which three months does Rosa list as being part of l'été (summer)? (2 marks)

2. According to the text, what happens to the leaves during l'automne? (2 marks)

3. Why might Rosa choose to teach the months of the year by linking them to the seasons? (3 marks)

4. Explain why the author describes the year as having a 'cyclic nature'. (3 marks)

5. If you had to choose one month to celebrate a special event, which would you pick and why? Justify your answer using vocabulary from the passage. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular calendar divided into four sections representing the seasons. In each section, write the French names for the three months that belong there and illustrate them with weather icons.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the weather in 'janvier' and 'juillet'. What might happen to the natural world if the seasons did not occur in their usual order? Write a short paragraph explaining your reasoning.