

Rosa's French Calendar Challenge

Learning objective: To recall, spell, and apply knowledge of the months of the year in French.

Join Rosa the parrot as she organises her travel diary. Complete the tasks below to help her keep track of her adventures in French-speaking countries.

Word bank: janvier · février · mars · avril · mai · juin · juillet · août · septembre · octobre · novembre · décembre

1. Rosa is planning a trip to France for her birthday. If her birthday is in the month before June, which month is it? Write the answer in French. (1 mark)

2. Complete the sequence: 'septembre, octobre, _____, _____'. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is calculating the cost of a holiday. He saves £15 each month starting in 'janvier' and ending in 'avril'. How many months has he been saving for, and what is the French name for the month he finishes saving? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: Explain why the French months 'avril' and 'août' are trickier to spell than 'mars' or 'juin'. Justify your answer by looking at the vowel sounds. (3 marks)

5. What might happen if the French calendar order was different to the English one? Why is it beneficial for international travellers like Rosa to learn the months in the order they appear in the Gregorian calendar? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular calendar divided into four seasons. Label each section with the correct French months (e.g., 'hiver' for winter) and draw a small symbol for the weather you would expect in those months.



Extension challenge: Rosa wants to write a poem about her favourite month. Write a four-line poem in English about a specific month, but include the French name of the month at the start of every line. Then, explain why you chose that specific month based on its seasonal characteristics.