

Rosa's French Calendar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify, spell, and sequence the twelve months of the year in French.

Read the passage below with Rosa the parrot. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions about the French calendar.

Bonjour! I am Rosa. In France, we love to celebrate throughout the year. The calendar starts with 'janvier' and ends with the chilly month of 'décembre'. Unlike in English, months in French are not usually written with a capital letter unless they start a sentence. Listen to the rhythm: 'janvier, février, mars'—the year begins with a hop, skip, and a jump! In the summer, we have 'juin', 'juillet', and 'août'. As the leaves turn brown, we move into 'septembre', 'octobre', and 'novembre'. Finally, we finish the year with 'décembre'. Can you place them in the correct order?

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

1. Write the French names for the first three months of the year in the correct order. (3 marks)

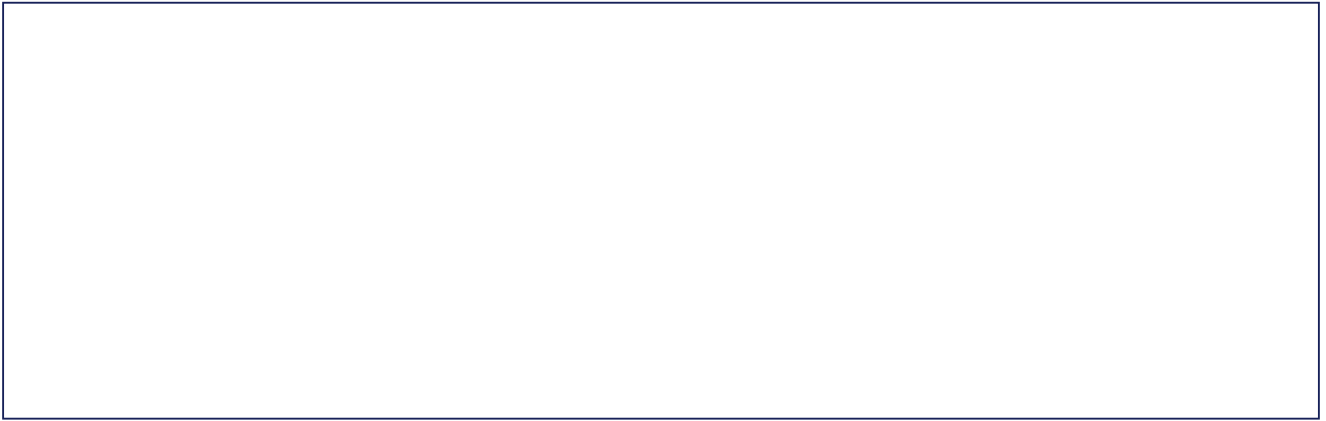
2. Which month comes immediately after 'juin'? (1 mark)

3. Rosa mentions three summer months in the text. List them in French. (3 marks)

4. If a friend's birthday is in October, how would you write that month in French? (1 mark)

5. Explain why you should not use a capital letter for a French month if it is in the middle of a sentence. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture representing your favourite month of the year. Label your drawing with the correct French month name at the bottom.



Extension challenge: Research a French holiday that takes place in 'juillet' or 'décembre'. Write one sentence in English about what happens during that celebration.