

Rosa's Weather Report: Le Temps

Learning objective: To understand French vocabulary relating to weather and weather patterns.

Read the text carefully with Rosa the parrot. Use the word bank to help you understand the French phrases, then answer the questions below in full sentences.

Bonjour! I am Rosa, and today I am looking out of my window at the changing skies. In France, people often talk about the weather to start a conversation. This morning, the sun is shining brightly, and I can say, 'Il fait beau!' It is a wonderful day to fly. However, the weather can change quickly. Sometimes, grey clouds gather and 'Il pleut', which means I must stay inside with my books. In the summer, the temperature rises and 'Il fait chaud', so I always keep a fresh bowl of water nearby. When winter arrives, 'Il fait froid' and everything feels crisp and chilly. Whether it is sunny or raining, I love watching the sky. Patterns in the weather are just like patterns in language—they are always moving and shifting. Even when it is grey, I know the sun is waiting behind the clouds to return. What is the weather like where you are today? Can you describe the sky using the phrases I have taught you?

Word bank: Il fait beau - The weather is nice · Il pleut - It is raining · Il fait chaud - It is hot · Il fait froid - It is cold · Le ciel - The sky · Le soleil - The sun

1. According to the passage, what does the French phrase 'Il pleut' mean? (1 mark)

2. What does Rosa do when it is hot ('Il fait chaud')? (1 mark)

3. Why does Rosa enjoy watching the weather even when it is raining? (2 marks)

4. Compare how Rosa describes a summer day to a winter day using the French vocabulary provided. (2 marks)

5. Rosa says that weather is like language. Justify why you think she makes this comparison. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot looking out of a window. Split your paper into two halves: one side shows 'Il fait beau' with a bright sun, and the other shows 'Il pleut' with soft grey clouds.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a weather presenter. Write a short script in English for a forecast, but include at least four French weather phrases to describe the conditions in different cities. Explain why it is useful for people to understand weather reports before they travel.