

Rosa's Spanish Calendar Adventure

Learning objective: To learn and recall the twelve months of the year in Spanish.

Read the passage below to help Rosa the parrot sort her calendar. Then, answer the questions to test your knowledge of the Spanish months.

Rosa the parrot is busy planning her travels around the world! She loves to share her favourite Spanish words with her friends. Rosa says that the year begins in 'enero' when the weather is cold. By 'abril', the flowers start to bloom, and when 'julio' arrives, it is time for a sunny holiday. Rosa writes her poems in 'septiembre' and enjoys the festive lights during 'diciembre' at the very end of the year. Remember, in Spanish, we do not use capital letters for the months unless they start a sentence!

Word bank: enero (January) · febrero (February) · marzo (March) · abril (April) · mayo (May) · junio (June) · julio (July) · agosto (August) · septiembre (September) · octubre (October) · noviembre (November) · diciembre (December)

1. Which Spanish word does Rosa use for the month of January? (1 mark)

2. If a friend's birthday is in June, which Spanish word should they use? (1 mark)

3. Rosa says the year ends in 'diciembre'. Can you list the three months that come immediately before December in Spanish? (3 marks)

4. Look at the word 'abril'. How is it similar to the English word for that month? (2 marks)

5. Write a full sentence in English explaining why we do not capitalise months in Spanish, based on the passage. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a calendar page for your favourite month of the year. Write the Spanish name of the month at the top in big, colourful letters.



Extension challenge: Choose three months that are special to you (like your birthday month or a holiday month) and write a short sentence for each using the Spanish word, e.g., 'Mi cumpleaños es en marzo'.