

Rosa's Time-Telling Adventure: ¡Qué hora es!

Learning objective: To tell the time in Spanish using o'clock, half-past, and quarter-past, and to understand the structure of the 12-hour clock in a Spanish context.

Help Rosa the parrot learn to read the clocks around the world! Use the word bank to fill in the Spanish phrases for the times shown. Remember: in Spanish, we use 'Es la una' for one o'clock and 'Son las...' for all other hours. For half-past, use 'y media', and for quarter-past, use 'y cuarto'.

Word bank: Es la una · Son las dos · Son las tres · Son las cuatro · Son las cinco · y cuarto · y media · en punto

1. The clock shows 1:00. Write the Spanish phrase for 'It is one o'clock' and explain why we use 'Es la' instead of 'Son las'. (3 marks)

2. The clock shows 4:15. Write the Spanish phrase for 'It is four fifteen' (four and a quarter). (2 marks)

3. The clock shows 8:30. Write the Spanish phrase for 'It is eight thirty' (eight and a half). (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How does the way we say 'half-past' in Spanish differ from the way we say it in English? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If it is 12:15, why is it incorrect to say 'Es la doce y cuarto'? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if someone misunderstood the Spanish word 'cuarto' for 'cuatro'? Explain the potential confusion. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine Rosa is travelling to Spain. Write a short diary entry in English describing her day, but include the Spanish times for when she wakes up, eats lunch, and goes to sleep. Challenge: Can you write a sentence in Spanish describing what you do at 'las dos y media'?