

Rosa's Busy Day in Spain

Learning objective: To understand how to tell the time in Spanish and identify key daily routines.

Read the text about Rosa the parrot's day in Spain. Use the information to answer the questions below, paying close attention to the Spanish phrases used.

Rosa the parrot loves living in a sunny village in Spain. She starts her morning early, waking up when the sun rises. '¡Hola!' she squawks to the baker, who opens his shop at exactly 'las ocho' (eight o'clock). Rosa enjoys helping him count the bread rolls. By 'las nueve y cuarto' (quarter past nine), the village square is buzzing with people. Rosa flies to the market to find some fresh fruit. She loves to chat with the visitors, asking them '¿Qué hora es?' to practise her Spanish. At 'las diez y media' (half past ten), she meets her friend for a quick snack. They always finish their fruit by 'las once menos cuarto' (quarter to eleven) so they can fly to the park together. Rosa thinks learning to tell the time in Spanish is brilliant because it helps her keep track of her busy social calendar. She always makes sure to be home by noon, which in Spanish is called 'el mediodía', to enjoy a long, peaceful nap in the shade of an olive tree.

Word bank: ¿Qué hora es? (What time is it?) · Es la una (It is one o'clock) · Son las dos (It is two o'clock) · y cuarto (quarter past) · y media (half past) · menos cuarto (quarter to)

1. At what time does the baker open his shop? (2 marks)

2. What is the Spanish term for 'quarter past nine' mentioned in the text? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Rosa asks visitors '¿Qué hora es?' throughout the day? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, how does Rosa feel about her daily schedule in the village? (2 marks)

5. Do you think learning to tell the time in a different language is a useful skill? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a clock face showing the time 'las diez y media' (half past ten) and add Rosa the parrot sitting on the clock hand.



Extension challenge: Research how to say 'midday' and 'midnight' in Spanish. Write a short sentence for each using the vocabulary you have found.