

Rosa's French Body Part Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and label parts of the body in French and understand how to use the correct definite articles (le, la, les).

Read the passage below carefully with Rosa the parrot. Use the vocabulary provided to help you label the body parts and answer the questions that follow.

Bonjour! I am Rosa. Today, we are learning how to describe our bodies in French. In French, we use 'le' for masculine nouns, 'la' for feminine nouns, and 'les' when we are talking about plural parts, like our two eyes or our two feet. When you point to your head, you say 'la tête'. When you point to your nose, you say 'le nez'. Remember, language is like a puzzle—the more you practise, the easier it becomes to connect the sounds to the words!

Word bank: la tête (the head) · les yeux (the eyes) · le nez (the nose) · la bouche (the mouth) · les bras (the arms) · les jambes (the legs) · les pieds (the feet)

1. Identify which word from the word bank is feminine and explain how you know it is feminine based on the article used. (2 marks)

2. If you wanted to say 'the arms' in French, which article would you use and why? (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the French words for 'the nose' and 'the head'. How do their articles differ? (2 marks)

4. Justify why we use 'les' for 'les yeux' (the eyes) but not for 'le nez' (the nose). (2 marks)

5. What might happen if you used the wrong article, such as 'la nez' instead of 'le nez'? Does this change the meaning, or just the grammar? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a self-portrait of yourself. Clearly label at least five body parts using the correct French nouns and articles from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph in English describing why you think French uses different articles for different body parts. Then, research one more body part in French (e.g., 'les mains' for hands) and explain whether you think it is masculine or feminine based on its plural form.