

Rosa's Radiant Greetings

Learning objective: To identify and use common French greetings and understand how they change depending on the time of day and level of formality.

Read the passage carefully, noting the different ways Rosa uses language to greet her friends. Then, answer the questions below to test your understanding of French greetings.

Rosa the parrot is a brilliant linguist who loves to travel across Europe. One sunny morning, she lands in a bustling market square. She spots her friend, Leo the lion, reading poetry under a tree. Rosa flutters down and chirps, 'Bonjour, Leo! Comment ça va?' Leo smiles and replies, 'Ça va bien, merci!' Later that afternoon, Rosa meets a new friend, a shy squirrel. Because they have just met, Rosa politely says, 'Enchanté!' to show she is pleased to make his acquaintance. As the sun begins to set and the sky turns a deep violet, Rosa prepares to head back to her nest. She sees a group of owls gathered for a meeting and calls out, 'Bonsoir!' instead of 'Bonjour', because the day is ending. Rosa knows that choosing the right greeting is like choosing the right colour for a painting; it sets the mood for the whole conversation. Whether she is saying a casual 'Salut' to a close friend or a formal greeting to someone new, Rosa always ensures her words are kind, polite, and perfectly timed for the occasion.

Word bank: Bonjour (Hello/Good day) · Salut (Hi/Bye) · Bonsoir (Good evening) · Enchanté (Nice to meet you) · Comment ça va? (How are you?)

1. Identify two specific greetings Rosa uses in the story and explain when she uses each one. (2 marks)

2. What does Leo reply when Rosa asks him how he is? (1 mark)

3. Explain why Rosa changes her greeting from 'Bonjour' to 'Bonsoir' when she sees the owls. (2 marks)

4. Why might Rosa choose to use 'Enchanté' when meeting the squirrel, rather than just saying 'Salut'? (2 marks)

5. Rosa compares choosing a greeting to choosing a colour for a painting. Do you agree that language can be creative? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Rosa the parrot in a market square. Include speech bubbles showing her using 'Bonjour' to a friend and 'Bonsoir' to someone as the sun sets.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are meeting a new pen-pal from France. Write a short paragraph in English explaining why it is important to learn greetings in another language. Then, create a dialogue where you greet your pen-pal, ask how they are, and introduce yourself using at least three French phrases from the word bank.