

Rosa's Global Greetings

Learning objective: To understand and use a range of formal and informal French greetings in context.

Read the text below carefully, then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Rosa the parrot loves to travel to different countries to learn new languages. One sunny morning, she landed in a bustling French café to meet her friend, a friendly local baker. As she flew through the open window, Rosa chirped, 'Bonjour!' to everyone she saw. The baker smiled and replied, 'Bonjour, Rosa! Comment ça va?' Rosa felt happy to be back. 'Ça va très bien, merci!' she sang. In France, people are very polite. When they meet someone for the first time, they often say, 'Enchanté.' Later that afternoon, as Rosa prepared to fly back to her nest, she waved her wing and called out, 'Au revoir!' to the baker. The baker waved back, shouting, 'Salut!' because they had become such good friends. Rosa knows that using the right greeting is the best way to start a conversation. Whether it is a formal 'Bonjour' to a stranger or a casual 'Salut' to a friend, speaking French always makes her feel like a true explorer of the world.

Word bank: Bonjour (Hello/Good morning) · Salut (Hi/Bye) · Enchanté (Nice to meet you) · Comment ça va? (How are you?) · Au revoir (Goodbye)

1. Which two French greetings does Rosa use to say hello and goodbye to her friend? (2 marks)

2. What phrase should you use if you are meeting someone for the first time? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the baker switches from 'Bonjour' to 'Salut' by the end of the day? (2 marks)

4. How does the passage suggest that French culture values politeness? (2 marks)

5. Do you think learning a new language is important? Give a reason for your opinion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Rosa the parrot sitting on a café table in France, with a speech bubble showing her saying 'Bonjour' to a smiling baker.



Extension challenge: Research three more French phrases for different times of the day, such as 'Bonsoir' or 'Bonne nuit', and write a short dialogue using them.