

Rosa's Seasonal Calendar Challenge

Learning objective: To recall and sequence the months of the year in French and understand their connection to the seasons.

Rosa the parrot has lost her diary pages! Use the word bank to help her put the months in the correct order. Once sequenced, match each month to the correct season (Le printemps, L'été, L'automne, L'hiver) and answer the challenge questions to demonstrate your mastery of the calendar.

Word bank: janvier · février · mars · avril · mai · juin · juillet · août · septembre · octobre · novembre · décembre

1. Sequence the 12 months correctly starting from January (janvier) and identify which season each month belongs to. (6 marks)

2. Explain why the French word for 'August' (août) is unique compared to the other months in its pronunciation. Why might it be challenging for English speakers to pronounce? (2 marks)

3. If it is 'juillet' in France, what season is it? Justify your answer by describing the typical weather you would expect at that time of year. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the French spelling of 'octobre', 'novembre', and 'décembre' with their English equivalents. What pattern do you notice? (2 marks)

5. If a friend told you their birthday was in 'mai', in which season would they celebrate? Justify your reasoning. (2 marks)

6. What might happen if the calendar months were not in a fixed order? How would this affect seasonal festivals? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular 'Seasonal Clock'. Divide it into four quarters, label each quarter with the correct French season, and illustrate each quarter with one item or symbol that represents the weather or nature during those months.



Extension challenge: Write a short, creative paragraph in French describing your favourite month. Include the name of the month, the season it falls in, and one activity you enjoy doing during that time (e.g., 'En juillet, j'aime nager').