

Rosa's Calendar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use the twelve months of the year in French, understanding their order and seasonal associations.

Read the text carefully, then answer the questions that follow. Remember to use your knowledge of French vocabulary to help you interpret the descriptions.

Rosa the parrot loves to teach her friends about the passing of time. Every year, she flies across the forest to remind everyone of the French months. She starts in janvier, when the forest is cold and quiet. By mars, the flowers begin to bloom as spring arrives. When the sun shines bright in juillet and août, Rosa enjoys the warm summer holidays. As the leaves turn golden in octobre, the animals prepare for the winter months ahead. Rosa explains that in France, the school year usually begins in septembre, which is a very busy time for pupils. She loves décembre the best, as it is a month full of joy and celebration. Rosa keeps a special calendar in her nest. She marks each month with a different colour to match the season. She tells her friends that learning the months helps them plan their adventures, from birthday parties in mai to snowy walks in février. Rosa's favourite thing is to sing the months in order, ensuring that no one ever forgets the beautiful flow of the French year.

Word bank: janvier (January) · février (February) · mars (March) · avril (April) · mai (May) · juin (June) · juillet (July) · août (August) · septembre (September) · octobre (October) · novembre (November) · décembre (December) · les saisons (the seasons)

1. According to the text, which two months does Rosa associate with warm summer holidays? (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. What happens to the leaves in octobre, and what does this suggest about the season? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why does Rosa believe it is important for her friends to know the months of the year? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Why might Rosa choose to colour-code her calendar to match the seasons? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. If you were planning a party, which month would you choose and why? Justify your answer using the seasonal information provided in the text. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a large circular calendar divided into four sections representing the seasons. In each section, label the three French months that belong there and draw a small picture representing the weather or nature during those months.



Extension challenge: Research why French months are not written with capital letters unless they start a sentence. Write three sentences in French about your own birthday month using the format: 'Mon anniversaire est en...'