

Rosa's French Time Challenge

Learning objective: To accurately tell, write, and understand the time in French using the 12-hour clock format.

Read each question carefully. Rosa the parrot is here to help you translate the time correctly. Ensure you use the correct French phrases for o'clock, half past, and quarter past/to.

Rosa the parrot loves to fly around the village square. She checks the town clock to make sure she is on time for her language lessons with her friends. Sometimes, she likes to test her students by asking them the time in French before they start their day of learning.

Word bank: Quelle heure est-il ? · Il est ... heure(s) · et quart · et demie · moins le quart · midi · minuit

1. Translate the phrase 'Quelle heure est-il?' into English. (1 mark)

2. Write the French phrase for 'It is two o'clock'. (2 marks)

3. If it is 3:30, how would you write this in French? Explain why we use the word 'demie' in this context. (3 marks)

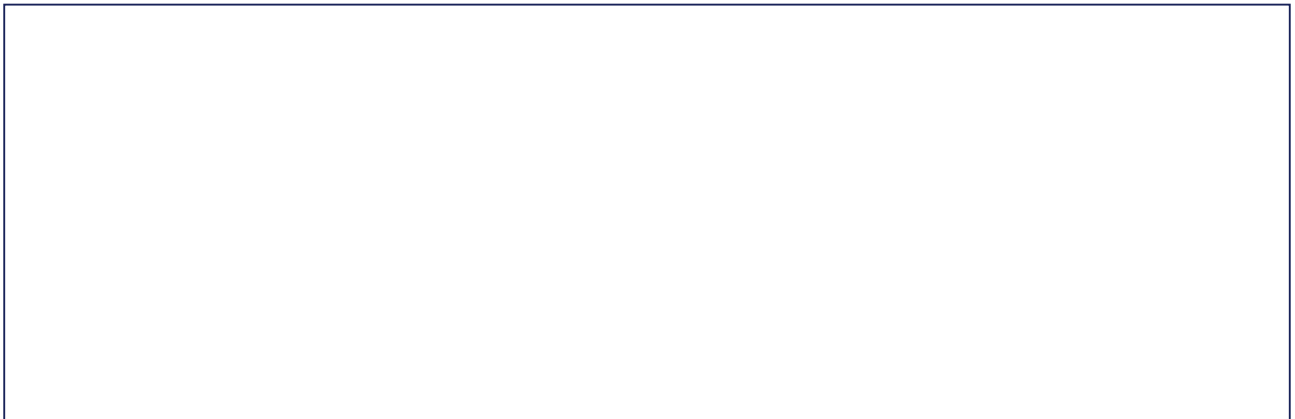
4. Convert these digital times into French phrases: A) 4:15, B) 7:45. (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the French way of saying 'quarter to' (moins le quart) with the English way. Why do you think the French language uses the word 'moins' (minus)? (4 marks)

6. Justify your answer: If a clock shows 12:00 during the day, why is it more accurate to say 'Il est midi' rather than 'Il est douze heures'? (4 marks)

7. Rosa is planning a schedule for her morning. Write a short paragraph (in French) describing three activities she does at different times of the morning. Include at least one 'et quart' and one 'moins le quart'. (7 marks)

Draw: Draw a clock face showing 'Il est neuf heures et quart' and label the hands clearly in French.



Extension challenge: Imagine a world where clocks only showed the time in fractions (e.g., 'half an hour past the seventh hour'). What might happen if we stopped using numbers and only used descriptive time? Write a short reflection on why standardising time-telling is important for society. Total: /25