

Rosa's Radiant Time-Telling Quiz

Learning objective: To confidently tell and write the time in French using o'clock, half past, and quarter past/to.

Join Rosa the parrot for a trip to Paris! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of French time-telling to answer. Remember, 'heure' means hour and 'et quart' means quarter past.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.True, 4.Il est trois heures et demie, 5.B, 6.False, 7.Il est huit heures et quart, 8.B, 9.Il est midi, 10.A. Extension guidance: Pupils should demonstrate understanding that 'moins le quart' means 15 minutes before the next hour, requiring them to calculate the upcoming hour.

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

1. 1. How do you ask 'What time is it?' in French? A) Comment ça va? B) Quel âge as-tu? C) Quelle heure est-il?* D) Où est la gare? (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the correct way to say 'It is one o'clock'? A) Il est une heure* B) Il est une temps C) Il est une horloge D) Il est un heure (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: 'Il est deux heures et demie' means 'It is half past two'. (1 mark)

4. 4. Translate into French: 'It is half past three'. (1 mark)

5. 5. Which phrase means 'quarter past'? A) moins le quart B) et quart* C) et demi D) et quart d'heure (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: 'Il est midi' is used to describe midnight. (1 mark)

7. 7. Translate into French: 'It is quarter past eight'. (1 mark)

8. 8. If it is 'neuf heures moins le quart', what time is it? A) 8:15 B) 8:45* C) 9:15 D) 9:45 (1 mark)

9. 9. Translate into French: 'It is midday'. (1 mark)

10. 10. How do you say 'midnight' in French? A) minuit* B) midi C) minuit et quart D) une nuit (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a traditional French café clock showing 'Il est quatre heures et quart'. Label the drawing with the correct French phrase.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why we use 'une heure' but 'deux heures' when telling the time in French. 2. Justify why 'moins le quart' requires you to name the next hour rather than the current one. 3. Compare and contrast the French method of saying 'half past' with the British English method. 4. If you have a train to catch at 'dix heures moins le quart', at what time exactly must you arrive? 5. What might happen if you confused 'midi' and 'minuit' when setting an alarm for a morning meeting? 6. Create a short script for a dialogue between two friends meeting in Paris, including at least three different time expressions.