

Rosa's French Time Challenge

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

Help Rosa the parrot master the clock! Read the French time phrases below and complete the exercises to show your understanding.

Word bank: Quelle heure est-il ? (What time is it?) · Il est ... heure(s). (It is ... o'clock.) · et quart (quarter past) · et demie (half past) · moins le quart (quarter to)

1. Rosa asks: 'Quelle heure est-il ?' if the clock shows 4:00, how do you write this in French? (1 mark)

2. Translate these times into French: a) 6:30, b) 2:15, c) 9:45. (3 marks)

3. If it is 'Il est cinq heures et demie', what time is it on a digital clock? (1 mark)

4. Explain why we use 'moins le quart' for 10:45. How does this differ from the English way of saying 'quarter to eleven'? (2 marks)

5. Max the monkey wants to meet at 3:15. Write this time in French for him. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw four analogue clocks. Label the first 'Il est midi', the second 'Il est huit heures et quart', the third 'Il est deux heures et demie', and the fourth 'Il est sept heures moins le quart'.



Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue in French between you and Rosa where you ask the time for three different activities in your school day, such as lunch time, break time, and home time.