

Rosa's French Adventure: Exploring Tenses

Learning objective: To identify and understand the usage of present and future tense verbs in simple French sentences.

Read the passage carefully about Rosa the parrot's daily routine. Use your knowledge of French verb endings to answer the questions below. Remember to pay close attention to the time phrases used.

Rosa is a bilingual parrot who loves to share her language skills. Every morning, Rosa follows a strict routine. 'Aujourd'hui, je parle français,' she squawks happily. She enjoys chatting with her friends in the forest. She eats (elle mange) delicious tropical fruits for her breakfast. Rosa is very organised and likes to plan her future adventures. She often says, 'Demain, je voyagerai vers les montagnes.' By using the ending -ai, Rosa shows that her trip will happen in the future. Whether she is speaking in the present tense about her breakfast or using the future tense to describe her upcoming flight, Rosa ensures her grammar is perfect. She believes that learning verbs is like building a bridge; it helps you connect with people all over the world. When Rosa practises, she focuses on how the verb changes depending on when the action happens. It is a brilliant way to master a new language while having fun in the treetops.

Word bank: manger (to eat) · parler (to speak) · aujourd'hui (today) · demain (tomorrow) · le futur (the future) · le présent (the present)

1. Identify two French phrases from the text that indicate when an action is happening. (2 marks)

2. What specific verb ending does Rosa use to show that an action will happen in the future? (1 mark)

3. Why does Rosa compare learning verbs to 'building a bridge'? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

4. What might happen to the meaning of Rosa's sentences if she used the wrong verb tense? (3 marks)

5. Do you think learning a second language is important for a Year 4 student? Justify your answer with your own opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot sitting on a branch with two speech bubbles: one saying what she is doing today and one showing what she will do tomorrow.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the French present tense with the English present tense. How do the verb endings change? Write three sentences in French about your own plans for the weekend using the future tense format you discovered in the text.