

Rosa the Parrot's Animal Friends

Learning objective: To read and understand simple descriptions of animals in Spanish, using vocabulary related to pets and wild creatures.

Read the text below carefully. Look at the Spanish words and use the word bank to help you understand them. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Hola, soy Rosa. I love meeting animals in Spain. Today, I am visiting a park. Mira! There is a small dog, el perro pequeño. He likes to play with a ball. Next to him, there is a cat, el gato. The cat is very quiet and likes to sleep in the sun. Further away, I see a big lion, el león. He is not in the park, but in a picture in my book! Leo the lion is brave and strong. Finally, I see Ellie. Ellie is an elephant, el elefante. She is very big and kind. She loves to walk slowly. In Spanish, we say 'el animal es grande' for a big animal and 'el animal es pequeño' for a small animal. I love all these animals!

Word bank: el perro (the dog) · el gato (the cat) · el león (the lion) · el elefante (the elephant) · grande (big) · pequeño (small) · le gusta (he/she likes) · jugar (to play)

1. What is the small dog doing in the park? (2 marks)

2. Where does Rosa see the lion? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the cat likes to sleep in the sun? (2 marks)

4. How do we know that Ellie is a gentle animal? (2 marks)

5. Which animal from the story would you like to meet and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the small dog playing with a ball and the big elephant walking slowly. Label the dog 'el perro' and the elephant 'el elefante'.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence in Spanish about your favourite animal using the word bank. For example: 'El gato es pequeño'.