Rosa's Spanish Greeting Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify, translate, and apply appropriate Spanish greetings and polite phrases in different social contexts.

Help Rosa the parrot prepare for her language lesson! Use this fact-file to organise your Spanish greetings. Think carefully about which phrases are used at different times of the day and how to adjust your language for formal or informal settings.

Word bank: Hola · Buenos días · Buenas tardes · Buenas noches · Adiós · Por favor · Gracias · Mucho gusto

1. Morning Greetings: Translate 'Good morning' and explain why it is important to greet someone differently depending on the time of day. (3 marks)

2. Formal vs Informal: Choose one greeting from the word bank. Explain in what situation you would use this phrase and justify why your choice is appropriate for that setting. (3 marks)

3. Politeness Matters: Select two phrases that show good manners. Compare and contrast how these phrases might be used in a conversation with a teacher versus a friend. (4 marks)

4. Scenario Analysis: What might happen if you used 'Buenas noches' when arriving at school at 9:00 am? Explain the confusion this could cause. (3 marks)

5. Creative Synthesis: Write a short dialogue script between two characters (you and Rosa) using at least three different greetings from your fact-file. (4 marks)

6. Reflection: Justify why learning the culture behind greetings is just as important as learning the Spanish vocabulary itself. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are travelling to Spain. Research and write down three additional phrases Rosa hasn't taught you yet. Create a 'Quick-Reference Guide' for a traveller that categorises these phrases by 'Arrival', 'Politeness', and 'Departure'.