

Spanish Greetings with Rosa the Parrot

Learning objective: To learn and apply a range of formal and informal Spanish greetings, including time-specific phrases.

Read the story below, where Rosa the Parrot visits a colourful Spanish market. Use the information to help you complete the questions. Remember to look closely at the time of day and the people Rosa is speaking to!

Rosa the Parrot landed on a wooden stall at the bustling market. It was 9:00 am, and the sun was just starting to warm the plaza. She spotted a baker and chirped, '¡Buenos días, Señor!' The baker smiled and replied, '¡Buenos días, Rosa! ¿Cómo estás?' Rosa flapped her wings happily and said, '¡Bien, gracias!' As the day progressed, Rosa flew to the other side of the square. At 3:00 pm, she met her friend, a florist named Elena. Rosa chirped, '¡Buenas tardes, Elena!' They chatted until the sun began to set. As the moon rose at 8:00 pm, Rosa tucked her head under her wing and whispered, 'Buenas noches,' to all the market traders as she prepared for sleep.

Word bank: ¡Hola! (Hello) · Buenos días (Good morning) · Buenas tardes (Good afternoon) · Buenas noches (Good night) · ¿Cómo estás? (How are you?) · Bien, gracias (Fine, thank you) · Adiós (Goodbye) · Señor (Sir) · Señora (Madam)

1. Why did Rosa use the phrase 'Buenos días' to the baker, but 'Buenas tardes' to Elena? Explain the link between the time of day and the choice of greeting. (2 marks)

2. If Rosa met a new person at 10:00 am, which greeting should she use? Justify your choice. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the phrases 'Señor' and 'Señora'. When would you use each one? (2 marks)

4. Rosa wants to ask her friend how they are feeling in Spanish. What phrase should she use? (1 mark)

5. What might happen if Rosa used 'Buenas noches' at 9:00 am? Explain why this might cause confusion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene at a Spanish market. Include two speech bubbles: one with a morning greeting and one with an afternoon greeting, ensuring the surroundings match the time of day.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are meeting a new friend in Spain. Write a short, formal dialogue (4-6 lines) using at least four phrases from the word bank. Then, explain why it is important to understand the difference between formal and informal greetings when travelling to a different country.