

Rosa's French Time-Travel Adventure

Learning objective: To tell the time in French using o'clock (heure), half past (et demie), and quarter past (et quart).

Rosa the parrot is visiting different French-speaking cities. Read the time shown on each clock face and the scenario provided. Write the correct French time phrase from the word bank to complete the sentence. For the Greater Depth questions, explain the patterns you notice in how French tells the time compared to English.

Word bank: Il est deux heures. · Il est cinq heures et demie. · Il est huit heures et quart. · Il est midi. · Il est dix heures et demie. · Il est neuf heures et quart.

1. Rosa arrives in Paris when the sun is at its peak. The clock shows 12:00. Rosa chirps: 'Bonjour! _____' (2 marks)

2. In Lyon, the clock shows 2:00. Rosa says: 'C'est l'heure du déjeuner! _____' (2 marks)

3. In Nice, the clock shows 8:15. Rosa says: 'Regardez la mer! _____' (2 marks)

4. Explain why we use the word 'demie' for half past but not 'moitié'. What does this tell you about how French structures time phrases? (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: How does the French phrase 'et quart' differ from the English 'quarter past'? Justify your answer using your knowledge of the French language. (3 marks)

6. What might happen if a French speaker said 'Il est six heures et demie' but you misheard it as 'Il est six heures et quart'? How would your plan for the afternoon change? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw four clock faces showing 1:00, 4:30, 7:15, and 11:30. Label each clock underneath with the correct French time phrase.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a day trip with Rosa. Write a short itinerary in French for three events (e.g., breakfast, a museum visit, and dinner) using the time phrases you have learned today. Challenge yourself to include at least one activity time that isn't on the hour or half-hour!