

L'heure avec Rosa: Telling the Time in French

Learning objective: To be able to tell the time in French using the 12-hour clock, including o'clock, half-past, and quarter-past.

Rosa the parrot is helping us practice our French time-telling. Use the vocabulary provided to answer the questions below. Remember to use 'Il est...' (It is...) to start your sentences.

Word bank: Quelle heure est-il ? (What time is it?) · Il est... (It is...) · une heure (one o'clock) · deux heures (two o'clock) · trois heures (three o'clock) · quatre heures (four o'clock) · et quart (quarter past) · et demie (half past)

1. Rosa asks: 'Quelle heure est-il ?' if the clock shows 3:00. Write the answer in French. (2 marks)

2. Translate the following into French: 'It is half past four.' (2 marks)

3. If it is 1:15, how would you say this in French using the phrase 'et quart'? (2 marks)

4. Explain why we must use the word 'heures' (plural) for numbers greater than one, but use 'heure' (singular) for one o'clock. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the English way of saying 'half past' with the French way 'et demie'. What do you notice about the word order? (3 marks)

6. Justify your answer: If Rosa says 'Il est deux heures et demie', is it earlier or later than 'Il est deux heures et quart'? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw three clock faces. Clock 1 should show 'Il est une heure', Clock 2 should show 'Il est trois heures et quart', and Clock 3 should show 'Il est quatre heures et demie'. Label each clock in French.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a day out with Rosa. Write a short schedule in French for three activities (e.g., '10:00 - breakfast', '12:30 - lunch', '4:15 - flying practice'). Use the format: '[Time in French] - [Activity in English]'. What might happen if you arrived at the wrong time? Write a sentence in English explaining the importance of punctuality.