

Rosa's Busy Day in Paris

Learning objective: To understand and use French vocabulary for telling the time.

Read the passage below about Rosa the parrot's day in Paris. Use your knowledge of French time-telling to answer the questions that follow.

Rosa the parrot has moved to Paris to teach her friends how to speak French. She starts her morning early. At 'huit heures' (8:00), Rosa flies to the bakery to buy a croissant. She loves the smell of fresh bread! By 'huit heures et quart' (8:15), she is already reading a newspaper in the park. Rosa is very organized with her schedule. When the sun is high in the sky at 'midi' (12:00), she meets her friend Leo the lion for a picnic near the Eiffel Tower. They enjoy a long lunch and chat about their adventures. After lunch, Rosa has a Spanish lesson to teach at 'deux heures et demie' (2:30). She always arrives on time because she loves being punctual. As the afternoon cools down, she finishes her work at 'cinq heures moins le quart' (4:45). She likes to end her day by watching the sunset over the River Seine. Paris is such a beautiful city to explore, and Rosa feels very lucky to spend her days learning and teaching in such a vibrant place.

Word bank: Quelle heure est-il? (What time is it?) · Il est... (It is...) · une heure (one o'clock) · midi (midday/noon) · et quart (quarter past) · et demie (half past) · moins le quart (quarter to)

1. At what time does Rosa go to the bakery? (1 mark)

2. What does Rosa do at 'deux heures et demie'? (1 mark)

3. Why does Rosa choose to meet Leo at 'midi' instead of earlier in the morning? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'elle aime être ponctuelle' tell us about Rosa's personality? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is useful for Rosa to have a set schedule for her day? Justify your opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a clock face showing the time 'cinq heures moins le quart' (4:45) and draw Rosa the parrot sitting next to it with her French lesson books.



Extension challenge: Write down what you would say in French if someone asked you the time at 10:30 and 7:15.