

Rosa's Animal Adventure in Spanish

Learning objective: To learn and use Spanish vocabulary for common animals and describe their characteristics.

Read the passage about Rosa the parrot's visit to the zoo. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions below in English and Spanish.

¡Hola! My name is Rosa, and today I am visiting the zoo. I am a colorful pájaro. At the zoo, I see a very grande león sleeping under a tree. Nearby, there is a small, grey elefante eating grass. I also see a friendly perro playing with a ball and a tiny gato sitting on a wall. It is a wonderful day to learn new words!

Word bank: el perro (dog) · el gato (cat) · el león (lion) · el elefante (elephant) · el pájaro (bird) · grande (big) · pequeño (small)

1. What is the Spanish word for the animal that Rosa describes as 'grande' and 'sleeping under a tree'? (2 marks)

2. Translate the following sentence into English: 'El gato es pequeño.' (2 marks)

3. Which two animals from the word bank did Rosa see playing or sitting near each other? (2 marks)

4. If you were describing an elephant in Spanish, would you use the word 'grande' or 'pequeño'? Explain why. (2 marks)

5. Write a Spanish sentence to describe a bird (el pájaro) using either 'grande' or 'pequeño'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the scene Rosa described at the zoo. Make sure to draw the león, the elefante, the perro, and the gato. Label each animal with its correct Spanish name from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Choose two more animals you know or find in a dictionary. Write a short sentence for each in Spanish using the structure: 'El [animal] es [grande/pequeño].'