

Rosa's Seasonal Spanish Celebration

Learning objective: To identify and use the months of the year in Spanish and understand how cultural celebrations vary throughout the calendar.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the Spanish terms. Answer the questions in full sentences, using English unless otherwise specified.

Rosa the parrot is a world traveller who loves to share her favorite Spanish phrases. Every year, Rosa keeps a busy diary. She begins her journey in enero when the weather is chilly. By marzo, she is excited for the spring flowers to bloom across the countryside. As the months turn, Rosa loves the heat of julio and agosto, when the sun shines brightly, perfect for flying over the Mediterranean coast. In octubre, she enjoys watching the leaves change color before the year draws to a close. 'Learning the months is like unlocking a secret code,' Rosa squawks happily. She explains that in Spanish, we do not use capital letters for months unless they start a sentence! Rosa's favorite month is diciembre, because it is a time for family gatherings and sharing delicious food. Whether it is the warm breeze of junio or the crisp air of noviembre, Rosa believes that every month has a special beauty waiting to be discovered. She encourages all young explorers to practice saying these words aloud to improve their rhythm and pronunciation.

Word bank: enero - January · febrero - February · marzo - March · abril - April · mayo - May · junio - June · julio - July · agosto - August · septiembre - September · octubre - October · noviembre - November · diciembre - Diciembre

1. According to the text, which two months does Rosa enjoy for their hot, sunny weather? (2 marks)

2. What specific rule does Rosa mention regarding the use of capital letters for months in Spanish? (2 marks)

3. Why might Rosa enjoy diciembre more than any other month? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

4. Explain why Rosa describes learning the months as 'unlocking a secret code'. (3 marks)

5. If you were to plan a holiday, which Spanish month would you choose and why? Justify your answer using your knowledge of seasons. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a colorful calendar wheel featuring Rosa the parrot in the center. Label each of the twelve segments with the correct Spanish month name and a small illustration representing that time of year.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the Spanish months with the English months. Research one Spanish-speaking festival that happens in a specific month and write a short paragraph explaining why it is significant to that culture.