

Rosa's Animal Adventure: French Vocabulary Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and use French nouns and adjectives to describe animals, and to understand gender agreement in French.

Rosa the parrot has returned from a flight around the French countryside and needs your help to organise her field notes. Match the French animal nouns from the word bank to the correct descriptions. Then, decide if the descriptive adjective should be masculine (e.g., 'grand') or feminine (e.g., 'grande') based on the animal's gender. Finally, write a descriptive sentence for each animal using the structure: 'Le/La [Animal] est [Adjective].'

Word bank: le chat · la souris · le chien · la girafe · le lion · la tortue

1. 1. This animal is a feline that says 'miaou'. Describe it as 'petit' (small). Explain why you chose 'petit' or 'petite'. (2 marks)

2. 2. This animal is a rodent that is often grey. Describe it as 'rapide' (fast). (2 marks)

3. 3. This animal is a mammal with a very long neck. Describe it as 'grand' (tall). Justify your choice of 'grand' or 'grande'. (2 marks)

4. 4. This animal is known as 'man's best friend'. Describe it as 'intelligent'. (2 marks)

5. 5. This animal has a hard shell and moves slowly. Describe it as 'lent' (slow). (2 marks)

6. 6. Compare and contrast: Why is 'Le lion est courageux' grammatically different from 'La girafe est grande'? What might happen if you swapped the adjectives? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring a 'grand lion' and a 'petite souris' playing together in a meadow. Label the animals in French.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer discovering a new species. Invent a name for your animal in French, decide if it is masculine or feminine, and write three complex sentences in French describing its appearance and behaviour.