

Rosa's Animal Kingdom: French Vocabulary Challenge

Learning objective: To identify, classify, and use French vocabulary relating to animals, including masculine and feminine genders and plural forms.

Join Rosa the parrot as she explores the animal world! Use your knowledge of French grammar—specifically the use of 'un' (masculine) and 'une' (feminine)—to complete the tasks below.

Word bank: un chien (dog) · une chat (cat) · un lapin (rabbit) · une souris (mouse) · un oiseau (bird) · une tortue (tortoise) · un cheval (horse) · une vache (cow) · des animaux (animals)

1. Categorise the following animals from the word bank into two groups: those that take 'un' and those that take 'une'. Explain why it is important to know the gender of a noun when writing in French. (3 marks)

2. Rosa sees a group of birds. If 'un oiseau' is one bird, how would you write 'some birds' or 'the birds' in French? Research or deduce how the article changes when moving from singular to plural. (2 marks)

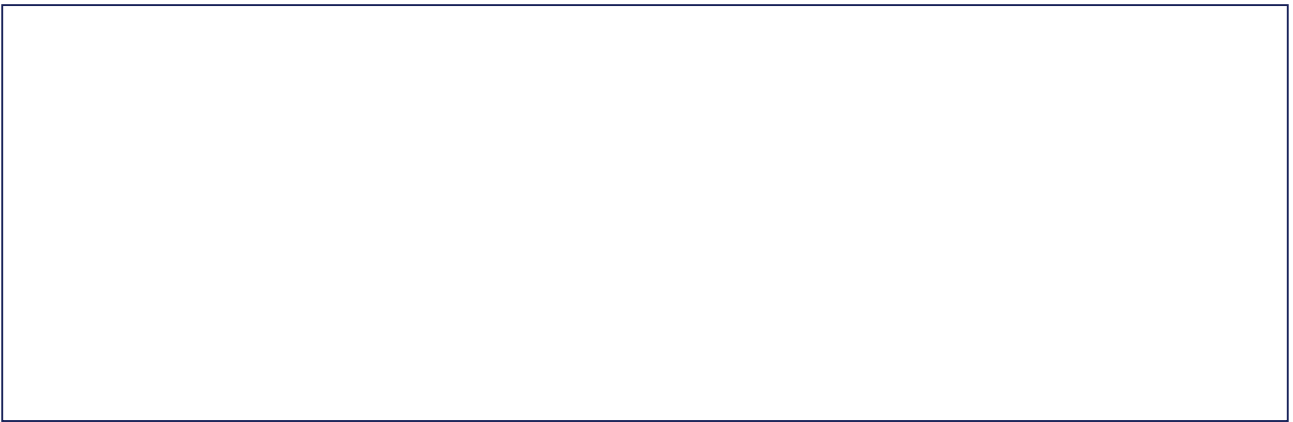
3. Max the monkey wants to buy a toy animal for £4.50. If he buys three toy animals, how much does he spend in total? Write the name of your favourite animal from the list in French and justify why you chose it. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the French nouns for 'dog' (un chien) and 'cat' (un chat). If you were to describe a cat as 'small' (petit) and a dog as 'big' (grand), how would the spelling change to agree with the masculine nouns? (3 marks)

5. What might happen if you used 'une' instead of 'un' for a masculine noun? Discuss the impact on grammatical accuracy. (2 marks)

6. Create a new sentence in French using one animal from the word bank and a verb (e.g., 'est' meaning 'is'). For example: 'Le chien est grand.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite animal from the list in a natural habitat. Label the drawing in French, including the correct article (e.g., 'un lapin' or 'une tortue').



Extension challenge: Research three additional animals not listed in the word bank. Find their French names and determine if they are masculine or feminine. Write a short paragraph explaining how you identified their gender using a French dictionary or online resource.