

Rosa's French Body Parts Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and spell key parts of the human body in French and use them in descriptive sentences.

Read Rosa the Parrot's guide to the body below. Use the word bank to help you complete the tasks. Ensure you use the correct articles (le, la, les) where appropriate.

Bonjour! I am Rosa. When we describe our bodies in French, we must be careful with our articles. We use 'le' for masculine nouns, 'la' for feminine nouns, and 'les' for plural nouns. For example, 'le nez' is masculine, but 'la bouche' is feminine. If you have two of something, like eyes or ears, we use the plural 'les'. Practising these helps us describe ourselves and our friends with confidence!

Word bank: la tête (head) · les yeux (eyes) · le nez (nose) · la bouche (mouth) · les oreilles (ears) · le bras (arm) · la main (hand) · les jambes (legs) · le pied (foot)

1. Identify which two body parts from the word bank are feminine. Explain why you think the French language categorises nouns into genders. (2 marks)

2. Rosa wants to describe a tall person. Write a sentence in French using 'les jambes' (the legs) and an adjective of your choice. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the English and French ways of referring to body parts. Why might it be more difficult to learn French nouns compared to English? (3 marks)

4. If you were describing a monster with three noses and one giant foot, how would you write that in French? (Hint: use 'trois' for three and 'un' for one). (2 marks)

5. Justify why it is important to learn the correct article (le/la/les) rather than just the noun itself. (3 marks)

6. What might happen if you used the wrong article in a French conversation? Would the meaning still be clear? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw an imaginative creature with five different body parts mentioned in the word bank. Label each part in French using the correct article from the list.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) in French describing the physical appearance of a fictional character. Use at least five body part nouns and include simple descriptive adjectives such as 'grand' (big) or 'petit' (small).