

Rosa's French Wardrobe Challenge

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and categorise items of clothing in French, including agreement of adjectives for colour and size.

Help Rosa the parrot organise her colourful collection of clothes for her upcoming travels! Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of French vocabulary and grammar to respond in full sentences.

Rosa is packing her suitcase. She has a red shirt, a big green coat, small blue shoes, and yellow trousers. She wants to make sure she has the perfect outfit for every climate she visits.

Word bank: un pull (jumper) · une chemise (shirt) · un pantalon (trousers) · une jupe (skirt) · des chaussures (shoes) · un manteau (coat) · bleu/bleue (blue) · rouge (red) · vert/verte (green) · jaune (yellow) · grand/grande (big) · petit/petite (small)

1. Translate the following sentence into French: 'I am wearing a red shirt and blue shoes.' Remember to consider the gender of the nouns. (2 marks)

2. Rosa says, 'J'ai un grand manteau vert.' Explain why the adjective 'grand' does not have an 'e' at the end, but the adjective 'verte' would if we were describing a skirt (une jupe). (3 marks)

3. If Rosa buys a new pair of trousers (un pantalon) that is yellow, how would you describe them in French using the adjective 'petit' (small)? Write the full phrase. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: Why do we use 'un' for 'un pull' but 'une' for 'une chemise'? What does this tell us about the grammatical structure of French nouns? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If you were packing for a trip to the snowy mountains, which three items from the word bank would you choose and why? Write your reasons in French. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw Rosa the parrot wearing an outfit consisting of 'un pull jaune', 'un pantalon bleu', and 'des chaussures rouges'. Label each item in French.



Extension challenge: What might happen if you incorrectly assigned a masculine or feminine article to a noun? Write a short paragraph explaining the importance of grammatical gender in French and how it affects the adjectives you choose.