

Rosa's Family Tree Challenge: La Famille

Learning objective: To identify, translate, and apply French family vocabulary while constructing a complex family tree and justifying relationships.

Rosa the parrot is helping her friends map out their families! Use the provided word bank to label the family members on the tree diagram. Once labelled, use your knowledge of French possessive adjectives (mon, ma, mes) and family structures to answer the questions below. Ensure you use the correct gender and number agreement for nouns.

Word bank: grand-père · grand-mère · père · mère · frère · sœur · oncle · tante · cousin · cousine

1. If you are introducing your brother and your sister to Rosa, how would you write that in French? Use the phrase 'Voici mon/ma/mes...' (2 marks)

2. Explain why we use 'ma' for 'mère' but 'mon' for 'père'. Refer to grammatical gender in your explanation. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the French terms for 'cousin'. Why is there a difference between 'cousin' and 'cousine'? (3 marks)

4. If your mother has a brother, how would you refer to him in French? Use a full sentence. (2 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why might it be more important to know if a family member is male or female when speaking French compared to English? (3 marks)

6. What might happen to the sentence structure if you were describing your grandparents (plural) instead of just one? Rewrite 'mon grand-père' to reflect plural ownership. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a creative family tree for a fictional character. Label at least six members using their French titles (e.g., 'ma tante', 'mon frère') and add a small, detailed illustration of each person based on their role in the family.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph in French (4-6 sentences) describing your ideal family. Include their names, their relationship to you, and one personality trait for each (e.g., 'Mon frère est intelligent'). Use a dictionary to find adjectives for personality traits.