

Rosa's Family Portrait Workshop

Learning objective: To identify and use French vocabulary for family members and describe relationships within a family tree.

Rosa the parrot wants to share her family tree with you! Follow the drawing prompt to illustrate your own family or a fictional one, then use the word bank to label your portrait in French. Answer the questions to show your understanding of family roles.

Draw: Create a detailed family portrait scene. Draw at least four family members in a garden setting. Use a clean, illustrative style. Include a 'family tree' structure in the background, showing lines connecting the older generation at the top to the younger generation at the bottom. Leave space around each character to clearly label them with the French vocabulary provided.



Label words: la mère (mother) · le père (father) · le frère (brother) · la sœur (sister) · le grand-père (grandfather) · la grand-mère (grandmother) · le bébé (baby) · le cousin (cousin)

Steps:

1. Label your drawing using at least five terms from the word bank. Ensure you use the correct definite article (le or la).
2. Explain why it is important to include the correct article (le/la) before each family member noun in French.

How does this change the meaning?

3. Compare and contrast: How would you describe the difference between 'le frère' and 'la sœur' in a French sentence?
4. Justify your answer: If you were adding a new family member to your drawing, what French words would you need to learn to describe their specific relationship to you?
5. What might happen if you used the wrong gender for a family member (e.g., calling your father 'la père')? Explain the impact on the grammar of the sentence.
6. Creative Extension: Write a short sentence in French introducing one person in your drawing (e.g., 'Voici ma sœur, elle s'appelle...').