

La Famille de Rosa: Exploring French Family Vocabulary

Learning objective: To identify and use French vocabulary to describe family members and their relationships.

Read the passage about Rosa the parrot's colourful family tree. Use the word bank to help you translate and answer the questions below. Think carefully about the masculine and feminine articles (le, la, un, une).

Bonjour ! Je m'appelle Rosa. Aujourd'hui, je vous présente ma famille. Voici mon père, il s'appelle Pedro. Voici ma mère, elle s'appelle Elena. J'ai aussi un frère qui s'appelle Paco et une petite sœur qui s'appelle Sofia. Nous vivons ensemble dans la forêt tropicale. Mon grand-père s'appelle Mateo et ma grand-mère s'appelle Isabella. J'aime beaucoup ma famille !

Word bank: mon père (my father) · ma mère (my mother) · mon frère (my brother) · ma sœur (my sister) · mon grand-père (my grandfather) · ma grand-mère (my grandmother) · la famille (the family) · s'appelle (is called)

1. Based on the text, identify the French names for Rosa's mother and father. Explain why the words 'mon' and 'ma' are used differently before these nouns. (2 marks)

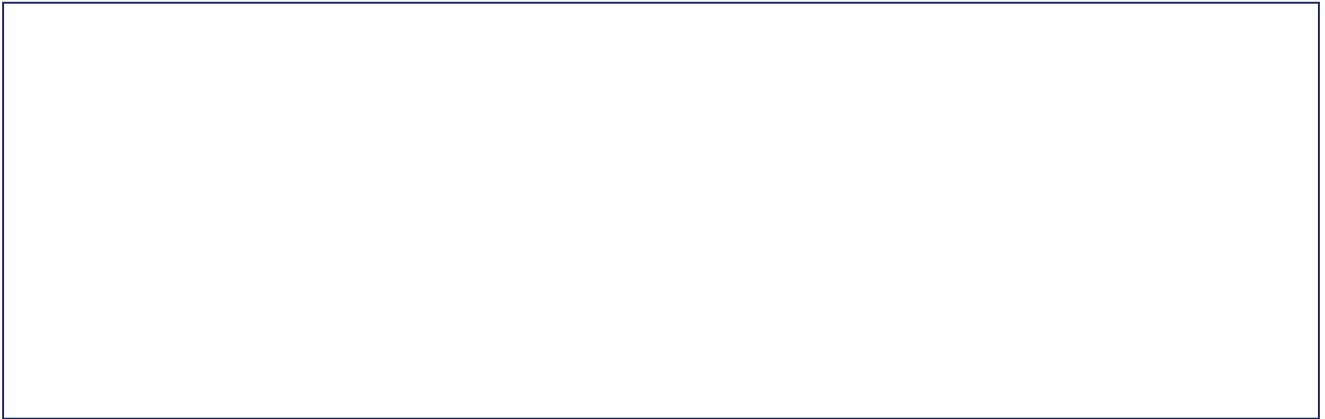
2. Rosa has two siblings. List their names and identify their relationship to Rosa using the correct French vocabulary. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the French words for 'grandfather' and 'grandmother'. What do you notice about the masculine and feminine structures? (2 marks)

4. If Rosa were to introduce a cousin, what prefix would you expect to see if the cousin was male? Justify your answer using your knowledge of gendered nouns. (2 marks)

5. Translate this sentence into French: 'My brother is called Paco.' (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a 'famille' tree for your own family or an imaginary one. Label at least four family members in French using the vocabulary from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Imagine your family tree grew to include three more generations. Research or hypothesise the French terms for 'great-grandfather' and 'great-grandmother'. Write a short paragraph in French describing what you think your 'arrière-grands-parents' might be like.