

Rosa's Seasonal Calendar Challenge

Learning objective: To recall, sequence, and apply knowledge of the twelve months of the year in French.

Rosa the parrot has been flying across the globe and has mixed up her seasonal diary! Use your knowledge of French months to complete the sequencing tasks below. For each question, ensure you check the spelling carefully, noting that French months do not start with a capital letter unless they begin a sentence.

Word bank: janvier · février · mars · avril · mai · juin · juillet · août · septembre · octobre · novembre · décembre

1. Rosa's birthday is in the third month of the year. Write the name of this month in French and explain why it is important to remember the correct order of the calendar year. (2 marks)

2. If a school holiday begins in 'juin' and lasts for two months, which month does the holiday end in? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the spellings of 'janvier' and 'février'. What do you notice about their endings? (2 marks)

4. Place these months in the correct chronological order: août, avril, décembre, mai. (2 marks)

5. Rosa says, 'Mon anniversaire est en octobre.' Translate this sentence into English and explain why the word 'en' is used before the month. (2 marks)

6. What might happen if we did not have a standardised system for naming months across different languages? Discuss the impact on international communication. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular French calendar. Divide it into four quadrants representing the seasons (printemps, été, automne, hiver) and place the three months corresponding to each season in the correct sections, labelling them in French.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem in French about your favourite month. Include one sentence describing the weather during that time (e.g., 'Il fait chaud' or 'Il fait froid') and illustrate it with a scene that captures the essence of that month.