

Year 5 French Assessment: Les Mois de l'Année (The Months of the Year)

Learning objective: To recall, write, and apply knowledge of the twelve months of the year in French, including understanding their position in the calendar and seasonal associations.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your French spellings are accurate, paying close attention to accents and capitalisation rules (note: months in French are generally written with a lowercase letter unless at the start of a sentence).

Rosa the parrot is busy organising her calendar for the year. She notes that her birthday is in 'mai', the leaves fall in 'octobre', and the snow arrives in 'décembre'.

Word bank: janvier · février · mars · avril · mai · juin · juillet · août · septembre · octobre · novembre · décembre · Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire? · Mon anniversaire est le...

1. Translate the following months into English: 1. janvier, 2. juin. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. Write the French word for the month that comes after 'mars' and the month that comes before 'décembre'. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Rosa is planning a summer party. Which three months would you suggest she chooses for a French summer? Explain why you chose these months based on the seasons. (4 marks) (4 marks)

4. Complete the dialogue: 'Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire?' Write your response in French including the day and the month. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the English and French spelling of the months. Identify two months that are very similar and one month that is completely different. Justify why you think this might be. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Rosa wants to create a French calendar for her friends. Write a short paragraph (5-6 sentences) in French describing your favourite month and what the weather is like during that time. Use the word bank for support. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. What might happen if the French language used the same names for months as English? Would it make learning easier or would we lose cultural identity? Justify your answer. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular clock-face calendar. In each of the twelve segments, illustrate an activity or weather pattern associated with that specific month and label it with the correct French name.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Investigate the etymology of the month 'juillet'. Why was it renamed in honour of a historical figure? Write your findings in a short report.