

Rosa's French Calendar Quest

Learning objective: To recall and spell the twelve months of the year in French, understanding their order and seasonal context.

Join Rosa the parrot on her linguistic journey! Answer the following ten questions to test your knowledge of the French months. Good luck, or as Rosa says, 'Bonne chance!'

Answer Key: 1. A (janvier), 2. True, 3. août, 4. B (décembre), 5. False (It is juin), 6. mai, 7. C (septembre), 8. False (They do not have capital letters unless at the start of a sentence), 9. novembre, 10. D (juillet).

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

1. 1. Which of these is the French word for January? A) janvier* B) juin C) juillet D) janvier (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'Mars' is the French word for March. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the French word for August? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which month comes at the end of the year in France? A) novembre B) décembre* C) octobre D) septembre (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The French word for June is 'janvier'. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which month is 'mai' in English? (1 mark)

7. 7. Which month follows 'août'? A) octobre B) novembre C) septembre* D) décembre (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: In French, the names of the months always start with a capital letter, even when in the middle of a sentence. (1 mark)

9. 9. Translate the following to French: November. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which month is 'juillet'? A) June B) January C) August D) July* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a circular calendar divided into four seasons. Label each month in the correct French spelling within the corresponding season (e.g., 'hiver', 'printemps', 'été', 'automne').



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why French months might have different spellings than their English counterparts. 2. Compare and contrast the pronunciation of 'juin' and 'juillet'. 3. Justify why it is important for a traveller to know the months in a foreign language. 4. What might happen if you confused 'janvier' with 'juin' when booking a holiday? 5. Research and describe which French month typically hosts the national holiday 'Bastille Day'. 6. Create a short poem in French featuring at least three of the months you have learned today.