

Rosa's Seasonal Calendar Quest

Learning objective: To recall and spell the twelve months of the year in French, and to understand their sequence and seasonal associations.

Read the passage below carefully. Using your knowledge of French, complete the questions provided. Rosa the parrot has mixed up her seasonal diary—help her sort the months into the correct order!

Rosa the parrot loves to travel across France to visit her feathered friends. She keeps a detailed logbook of her journeys. In 'janvier', she enjoys the winter snow. By the time 'avril' arrives, the spring flowers are blooming. Rosa loves the heat of 'juillet' and 'août' when the sun is high. As the leaves turn gold in 'octobre', she prepares for her winter migration. Finally, in 'décembre', she celebrates the end of the year with her friends.

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

1. List the three months of the summer season in France as mentioned in the passage and explain why these months might be popular for travel. (2 marks)

2. If Rosa is currently in 'mars', which month will it be in three months' time? Provide your answer in French. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the spelling of 'janvier' and 'juin'. How does the change in vowels affect the pronunciation? (2 marks)

4. Justify why it is important to understand the sequence of months in a different language when planning international travel. (2 marks)

5. What might happen if the calendar months were not consistent across different European countries? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular calendar divided into four seasons. Label each sector with the correct French months and illustrate one characteristic weather pattern for each season (e.g., a snowflake for winter, a sun for summer).



Extension challenge: Rosa wants to book a flight to Paris that costs £145 in 'mai' and £210 in 'juillet'. Calculate the difference in price and write a short paragraph in French explaining in which month you would prefer to travel and why, using the sentence starter: 'Je préfère voyager en...'