

Les Mois de l'Année with Rosa the Parrot

Learning objective: To recall, spell, and apply knowledge of the twelve months of the year in French, demonstrating an understanding of their sequence and cultural context.

Read the clues provided by Rosa the Parrot and use your knowledge of the French calendar to complete the tasks below. Ensure you use correct spelling and accents where necessary.

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

1. Rosa says: 'My favourite month is the one that follows mars and comes before mai.' Identify this month and explain why the sequence of months is essential for keeping a calendar. (2 marks)

2. Translate the following sentence into English: 'Mon anniversaire est en juillet.' If you were born in a different month, write your own sentence in French using the same structure. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the spelling of 'janvier' and 'février'. Identify the shared suffix and justify why these two months are often grouped together in the school calendar. (3 marks)

4. Sort the following months into chronological order: septembre, décembre, août, octobre, novembre. (2 marks)

5. What might happen if the French months did not follow a specific sequence? Discuss the impact this would have on historical records or seasonal planning. (3 marks)

6. Rosa is planning a trip. She says: 'Je pars en août.' Which season is this in France? Justify your answer by referencing the typical weather patterns of that month. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a large, circular 'Calendrier des Saisons' (Calendar of Seasons). Divide it into four sections representing the seasons, and place the 12 French months in their correct segments. Decorate each segment with a small symbol that represents the weather or a holiday associated with those months.

Extension challenge: Compose a short poem in French (four lines) about the changing of the months. Use at least three month names and include adjectives to describe the weather or the 'ambiance' of those specific times of the year.