

Rosa's Grand Picnic: Expressing Opinions in French

Learning objective: To understand and use French opinion phrases to express preferences regarding food and activities.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below. Use your knowledge of French vocabulary to help you interpret the text.

Rosa the parrot is hosting a grand picnic for all her friends in the forest. She has prepared a magnificent feast and wants to know what everyone thinks of the day. As the sun shines, Rosa flies from branch to branch, asking her friends for their opinions in French. 'J'adore les pommes!' chirps Pip the caterpillar, munching happily on a crisp red fruit. Nearby, Max the monkey is busy with his basket. He tells Rosa, 'J'aime les bananes, mais je n'aime pas le jus d'orange.' Zara the zebra is busy painting the scene on a large leaf. She smiles and says, 'J'adore le pique-nique, c'est magnifique!' However, Kit the fox looks at the bowl of olives and sighs, 'Je déteste les olives.' Despite their different tastes, everyone agrees that the opportunity to sit under the trees and bavarder is the best part of the day. Rosa is delighted that everyone feels comfortable sharing their honest thoughts. Whether they love the food or dislike the snacks, it is the friendship that makes the afternoon truly special.

Word bank: J'adore (I love) · J'aime (I like) · Je n'aime pas (I do not like) · Je déteste (I hate) · Délicieux (delicious) · Bavarder (to chat)

1. Which specific food item does Pip the caterpillar say he loves? (2 marks)

2. According to the passage, what does Kit the fox dislike? (2 marks)

3. Explain why the friends are happy to be at the picnic even though they have different opinions about the food. (3 marks)

4. What might happen if the friends were not allowed to express their opinions at the picnic? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

5. If you were at the picnic, which French phrase would you use to describe your favourite food? Why did you choose that phrase? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of the forest picnic. Include Rosa the parrot and at least two other characters eating their favourite foods. Label the food in French using speech bubbles to show their opinions (e.g., 'J'adore...').



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the opinions of Max and Kit. How do their differing preferences add to the variety of the picnic? Write a short paragraph explaining why it is important to be polite when expressing a negative opinion in another language.