

Rosa's Market Day: Une Journée au Marché

Learning objective: To use French vocabulary for shopping, prices, and quantities in a practical context.

Read the passage below about Rosa the parrot visiting the local market. Use the vocabulary provided to answer the questions in full sentences, ensuring you include the correct prices in pounds (£).

Rosa, the bilingual parrot, flies to the local French market. She wants to buy ingredients for a fruit salad. She lands at a stall and asks, 'Bonjour! Combien coûte une pomme?' The merchant replies, 'Une pomme coûte 50p.' Rosa says, 'Je voudrais trois pommes, s'il vous plaît.' The merchant smiles and says, 'D'accord, c'est £1.50.' Next, Rosa sees some oranges. They are £2.00 for a bag. 'C'est un peu cher,' thinks Rosa, but she buys them anyway. Finally, she finds bananas for £1.20. She pays with a £5.00 note and receives her change.

Word bank: le marché - the market · combien coûte...? - how much does... cost? · je voudrais - I would like · s'il vous plaît - please · c'est - it is · cher - expensive · bon marché - cheap/good value · la livre - the pound (£)

1. Using the text, calculate the total cost for the three apples and the bag of oranges. Show your working. (2 marks)

2. Explain why Rosa might have thought the oranges were 'cher' compared to the price of the apples. Justify your answer using the values from the passage. (3 marks)

3. If Rosa bought the bananas (£1.20) as well as the apples (£1.50) and oranges (£2.00), how much change would she get from a £10.00 note? (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the phrases 'cher' and 'bon marché'. When would a shopper use these words in a French market? (3 marks)

5. What might happen if Rosa decided she also wanted to buy a melon costing £2.50? Would she have enough money left from her original £5.00 note? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a French market stall featuring the fruit Rosa bought. Label each item in French, including the price tag in £ for each item.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are the merchant at the stall. Write a short dialogue in French and English where you try to persuade a customer (like Max the monkey) to buy a punnet of strawberries for £3.00, explaining why they are 'bon marché'.