

Rosa's Sporting French Challenge

Learning objective: To use the verbs 'jouer' (to play) and 'faire' (to do) correctly with sports vocabulary, and to express opinions about physical activities.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you construct your sentences in French.

Remember to use 'au', 'à la', 'aux' for 'jouer' and 'du', 'de la', 'de l' for 'faire'.

Rosa the parrot is an expert in languages! To talk about sports in French, we use 'jouer à' for ball games and team sports, and 'faire de' for individual activities. For example: 'Je joue au football' (I play football) and 'Je fais de la natation' (I do swimming).

Word bank: jouer au football · jouer au tennis · jouer au basket · faire de la natation · faire du judo · faire de l'athlétisme · J'adore · Je déteste · parce que c'est · amusant · difficile · fatigant

1. Rosa wants to know what you like to do. Write two sentences in French: one using 'jouer au' and one using 'faire de'. Explain why you enjoy these sports using the word bank. (4 marks)

2. Translate the following into English: 'Je joue au tennis parce que c'est amusant, mais je déteste faire du judo parce que c'est difficile.' (2 marks)

3. Identify the grammatical error in this sentence and correct it: 'Je fais du natation.' Justify your correction. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: Why do we use 'au' for football but 'de la' for natation? Explain the linguistic rule behind this. (3 marks)

5. What might happen if you used 'jouer' instead of 'faire' for a sport like gymnastics? Discuss whether this would make sense to a French speaker. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw yourself playing your favourite sport. Label the sport in French and draw a speech bubble coming from you saying what you think of that sport in French (e.g., 'C'est amusant!').



Extension challenge: Research a sport that is popular in France but less common in the UK. Write a short paragraph in English explaining the rules, and include three French sentences describing how you would play that sport.