

Rosa's Radiant French Time Challenge

Learning objective: To tell the time in French using the 12-hour clock, including 'et quart', 'et demie', and 'moins le quart'.

Join Rosa the parrot on her flight around the world! Read each question carefully and select or write the correct French time phrase. Ensure your spellings are accurate.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.B, 4.True, 5.False (It is 3:30), 6.Il est midi, 7.Il est dix heures moins le quart, 8.Il est sept heures et quart, 9.It means 'It is half past five', 10.Accept any valid time phrase.

Word bank: Quelle heure est-il? · Il est... · et quart · et demie · moins le quart · midi · minuit

1. 1. How do you ask 'What time is it?' in French? A) Comment ça va? B) Quel âge as-tu? C) Quelle heure est-il?* D) Où est la bibliothèque? (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the French phrase for 'quarter past'? A) et quart* B) et demie C) moins le quart D) midi (1 mark)

3. 3. Which option correctly represents 4:30? A) Il est quatre heures et quart B) Il est quatre heures et demie* C) Il est quatre heures moins le quart D) Il est quatre heures (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: 'Il est minuit' means 'It is midnight'. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: 'Il est trois heures et quart' means 'It is 3:45'. (1 mark)

6. 6. Write the French for 'It is midday' (12:00 PM). (1 mark)

7. 7. Translate 9:45 into French. (1 mark)

8. 8. Translate 7:15 into French. (1 mark)

9. 9. Justify your answer: Explain why 'Il est cinq heures et demie' is not the same as 'Il est cinq heures moins le quart'. (1 mark)

10. 10. Create a time: Write a time in French that uses the phrase 'moins le quart'. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a large clock face showing 8:45. Label it with the correct French phrase underneath: 'Il est neuf heures moins le quart'.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the English system of 'quarter to' and 'quarter past' with the French 'moins le quart' and 'et quart'. Why do you think French speakers use the 'less' (moins) logic for times after the half-hour mark? Justify your reasoning.