

L'heure avec Rosa: Telling the Time in French

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

Help Rosa the parrot master her schedule! Use your knowledge of French numbers and time phrases to complete these challenges. Remember, in French, we often use 'heure' after the hour number.

Word bank: Quelle heure est-il? · Il est... · et quart (quarter past) · et demie (half past) · moins le quart (quarter to) · midi (midday) · minuit (midnight)

1. Rosa wants to fly at 2:15. Write this time in French: 'Il est deux heures...' (2 marks)

2. Translate the following time into French: 'It is half past four.' (2 marks)

3. If it is 7:45, why do we use the phrase 'moins le quart' in French? Explain the logic behind this phrasing compared to the English 'quarter to eight'. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the French way of saying 12:30 (midi et demie) with 12:00 (midi). What happens to the noun 'heure' in these expressions? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If Rosa says 'Il est dix heures moins le quart', is it 9:45 or 10:45? Give reasons for your choice. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a clock face showing 'neuf heures et demie' and another showing 'six heures moins le quart'. Label them clearly in French.



Extension challenge: Imagine Rosa is planning a flight across France. Write a short, creative timetable for her day in French using at least four different times (e.g., Breakfast at 8:00, Departure at 9:15, Lunch at 12:30, Arrival at 3:45). What might happen if she misreads 'moins le quart' for 'et quart'? Write a short paragraph explaining the potential consequences.