

Rosa's Grand Tour: French Transport Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and describe modes of transport in French, and to use the verb 'aller' (to go) in the first person.

Read Rosa's travel diary below. Pay close attention to the French transport vocabulary. Use the word bank to help you complete the tasks. For questions requiring written answers, provide your reasoning in English.

Bonjour! I am Rosa, and I love to travel. Today, I am planning my route across France. To get to the bustling city of Paris, Je vais en train; it is fast and comfortable. For exploring the quiet country lanes near my nest, I prefer to travel en vélo, as it allows me to see the beautiful wildflowers. Sometimes, when I visit the mountains, I travel en voiture with my friends. If I need to cross the vast ocean to visit my cousins, I must travel en avion. My favourite way to travel, however, is simply à pied, because I can stop to chat with everyone I meet along the way!

Word bank: en train (by train) · en voiture (by car) · en bus (by bus) · en vélo (by bicycle) · à pied (on foot) · en avion (by plane) · Je vais... (I go...)

1. Identify which mode of transport Rosa chooses for long-distance international travel and explain why this is the most logical choice. (2 marks)

2. Translate the following phrase into English: 'Je vais en vélo'. If Rosa decided to swap her bicycle for a bus, how would she write that in French? (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast travelling 'en train' versus 'à pied'. Provide two reasons why someone might prefer one over the other. (3 marks)

4. Rosa says, 'Je vais en voiture avec mes amis'. Justify why the use of 'en' is significant when discussing transport in French. (2 marks)

5. What might happen if Rosa tried to travel 'en vélo' across the ocean to see her cousins? Explain the physical limitations of this choice. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of a journey you would like to take. Include at least three different modes of transport from the word bank, labelling each one in French, such as 'Je vais en avion' or 'Je vais en bus'.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a holiday from London to Paris. Write a short paragraph in French using the 'Je vais...' structure to explain your travel itinerary. Then, write a critique of your chosen methods, explaining the environmental impact or efficiency of your travel plan in English.