

Rosa's Radiant Verb Voyage: Mastering French Tenses

Learning objective: To understand and apply the present and near future tenses in French, identifying common verb patterns.

Rosa the parrot has prepared a verb-sorting challenge for you! Use the words provided in the word bank to complete the sentences. Each sentence describes an action happening now (present tense) or an action that will happen soon (near future). Once you have filled the blanks, categorise each sentence by its tense.

Word bank: mange · vais manger · joue · vais jouer · regarde · vais regarder

1. 1. Le chat _____ (eats) sa nourriture maintenant. Is this present or future tense? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

2. 2. Je _____ (am going to play) au parc avec mes amis. Explain why we use 'vais' in this French sentence. (2 marks)

3. 3. Elle _____ (watches) un film éducatif. Compare this to: 'Elle va regarder un film'. What changes in the meaning? (2 marks)

4. 4. Rosa says: 'Je mange une pomme'. If she decides to do this later, how would she change the verb? Justify your choice. (2 marks)

5. 5. What might happen if you forgot to include 'vais' when talking about the future? Would the meaning change? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

6. 6. Create your own sentence in the near future tense using a verb of your choice. Translate it into English. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a split-screen illustration: on the left, draw yourself doing an activity right now (present), and on the right, draw yourself doing a different activity later today (near future). Label your drawings with the correct French phrases.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph in French (4-5 sentences) describing your perfect Saturday. Use at least two verbs in the present tense and two verbs in the near future tense. Challenge: Include a time-phrase, such as 'à dix heures' (at ten o'clock).