

Rosa's Weather Report: Le Temps

Learning objective: To understand and use French vocabulary related to the weather and apply critical thinking to meteorological patterns.

Read the text carefully. Answer the questions in English, using evidence from the passage where necessary. For the final question, justify your reasoning.

Rosa the parrot is an expert at predicting the weather. Each morning, she perches on a high branch to observe the sky before delivering her report. 'Bonjour!' she squawks cheerfully. 'Today, il fait beau et il y a du soleil.' She explains that when the sky is clear, it is perfect for flying over the meadows. However, Rosa warns that the weather can change quickly. When she sees grey clouds gathering, she alerts her friends by saying, 'Attention, il pleut!' She advises them to seek shelter under the thick oak leaves. Sometimes, the wind picks up, and she calls out, 'Il fait du vent!' which means it is time to be careful of falling branches. Rosa loves recording these changes in her colourful notebook. She believes that understanding the weather is the key to a safe adventure. By observing the patterns in the atmosphere, she ensures that everyone in the forest knows whether to pack a sun hat or stay dry under cover. For Rosa, the weather is not just about temperature; it is a fascinating puzzle that changes every single day.

Word bank: Il fait beau - It is beautiful/fine · Il pleut - It is raining · Il fait du vent - It is windy · Le soleil - The sun · Les nuages - The clouds · La météo - The weather forecast

1. Identify two specific phrases Rosa uses to describe the weather and explain what they mean in English. (2 marks)

2. What does Rosa do when she sees grey clouds gathering in the sky? (2 marks)

3. Why might Rosa think that recording weather patterns in a notebook is a 'key to a safe adventure'? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the advice Rosa gives for a sunny day versus a rainy day. (3 marks)

5. Do you agree with Rosa that weather is a 'fascinating puzzle'? Justify your answer using examples of how weather impacts your own daily activities. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a four-panel comic strip showing Rosa the parrot in four different types of weather, with the correct French phrase written in a speech bubble for each scene.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a meteorologist like Rosa. Write a short weather forecast script for the week ahead, including at least three different weather conditions in French. Explain why you think your chosen weather will happen based on the patterns you have observed.