

Rosa's Weather Report: La Météo

Learning objective: To be able to identify and describe weather conditions in French, using appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures.

Read the weather report below, which Rosa the parrot has brought back from her travels. Complete the questions to demonstrate your understanding of French weather terminology.

Bonjour ! I am Rosa. Today, I am flying across France to check the weather. In the north, near the coast, 'il pleut' and 'il y a du vent'—it is certainly a day for a waterproof coat! However, as I fly south towards the mountains, the scene changes. 'Il fait chaud' and 'il y a du soleil'. It is perfect weather for a picnic. In the central plains, 'il y a des nuages', but it is not raining. Tomorrow, I hope it will be sunny everywhere so I can practise my songs in the sunshine!

Word bank: Il fait beau - It is nice/sunny · Il fait mauvais - It is bad weather · Il fait chaud - It is hot · Il fait froid - It is cold · Il pleut - It is raining · Il y a du soleil - It is sunny · Il y a du vent - It is windy · Il y a des nuages - It is cloudy

1. Based on the text, what is the weather like in the north? Use French phrases in your answer. (2 marks)

2. Why does Rosa prefer the weather in the south for her picnic? Explain your answer using evidence from the passage. (2 marks)

3. Translate the following sentence into English: 'Il y a des nuages, mais il fait froid.' (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the weather in the north and the south. Why might the activities people choose to do be different in these two regions? (4 marks)

5. Justify why Rosa says she needs a 'waterproof coat' for the north. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of a mythical island. In the north, draw a rainy and windy scene. In the south, draw a bright, sunny scene. Label each area with the correct French weather phrase from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a weather presenter on French television. Write a short script (50-70 words) describing the weather in three different French cities. Use at least four phrases from the word bank and include one 'What might happen if...' question for your audience, such as 'What might happen if it is windy during your journey?'