

Rosa's Animal Adventure: ¡Vamos a explorar!

Learning objective: To identify and describe animals in Spanish, using adjectives to extend sentences and demonstrate grammatical agreement.

Rosa the parrot has prepared a 'Spanish Animal Passport'. Your task is to complete the classification grid. First, match the correct Spanish animal noun to its English translation. Then, use the Word Bank to write a descriptive sentence for each animal, ensuring that adjectives agree with the gender of the noun (e.g., 'es grande' or 'es pequeño').

Word bank: el perro (dog) · el gato (cat) · el elefante (elephant) · el pájaro (bird) · el pez (fish) · grande (big) · pequeño (small) · rápido (fast) · lento (slow) · bonito (pretty)

1. 1. Choose one mammal and one sea creature from the list. Write a Spanish sentence for each describing its size. Justify why you chose that specific adjective. (4 marks)

2. 2. Compare and contrast: How does the structure of the Spanish sentence change if you are describing a 'gato' (masculine) versus an imaginary feminine noun like a 'gata'? Explain the importance of gender agreement. (4 marks)

3. 3. If you were to add a new animal to Rosa's list, which would you choose? Provide the Spanish name and justify your choice using at least two descriptive adjectives. (4 marks)

4. 4. Explain why it is important to understand the gender of a noun when learning Spanish vocabulary. What might happen to the meaning of a sentence if the adjective agreement is incorrect? (3 marks)

5. 5. Translate this phrase into English and explain the grammatical role of 'es': 'El elefante es grande.' (3 marks)

6. 6. Create a complex sentence in Spanish using a connective (y/but - y/pero) to describe two different animals from the list. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring a 'perro pequeño' and an 'elefante grande' playing together in a park. Label each animal in Spanish with a speech bubble showing them introducing themselves (e.g., 'Hola, soy el perro').



Extension challenge: Research a native Spanish-speaking country and identify three animals found there. Write a short paragraph in Spanish describing them, using your own research to add detail beyond the initial word bank.