

Rosa's Animal Fact-File: ¡Los Animales!

Learning objective: To identify and describe animals in Spanish, using specific vocabulary for habitats, physical characteristics, and dietary preferences.

Hola! I am Rosa the parrot, and I love travelling to Spanish-speaking countries to learn about the incredible wildlife there. Use this fact-file to research an animal of your choice. Fill in the boxes using Spanish vocabulary where possible. Remember to use adjectives to describe your animal's appearance and personality!

Word bank: Mamífero (mammal) · Reptil (reptile) · Ave (bird) · Carnívoro (carnivore) · Herbívoro (herbivore) · Grande (big) · Pequeño (small) · Rápido (fast) · Lento (slow) · Habita en (lives in) · Come (eats)

1. Name of the animal (Nombre del animal) and its classification: Write the name of your chosen animal and state whether it is a mammal, bird, or reptile. (2 marks)

2. Physical description (Descripción física): Describe what your animal looks like using Spanish adjectives for size, colour, and features. (3 marks)

3. Habitat and Diet (Hábitat y dieta): Where does this animal live? What does it eat? Explain why this environment is suitable for your chosen animal. (3 marks)

4. Comparative analysis: Compare your chosen animal to another animal from a different continent. How are their adaptations similar or different? (4 marks)

5. Justification: Why is this animal vital to its ecosystem? Explain the potential consequences if this species were to disappear from its habitat. (4 marks)

6. Creative Synthesis: If you could create a brand new animal by combining features of two different species, what would it be called and what special ability would it have? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph in Spanish (3-5 sentences) introducing your animal to the class. Use the phrase 'Mi animal favorito es...' and include at least two descriptive adjectives.