

Mi Familia: A Linguistic Journey with Rosa the Parrot

Learning objective: To identify, translate, and use possessive adjectives and family vocabulary in Spanish to describe personal relationships.

Read the passage below about Rosa's diverse forest family. Use the word bank to help you translate the sentences and answer the questions. Remember to pay attention to the gender of the nouns (masculine 'o' vs feminine 'a').

¡Hola! Soy Rosa. Me encanta hablar con mi familia. Mi madre es una guacamaya muy inteligente y mi padre es un loro muy divertido. Tengo un hermano pequeño; él es muy energético. Mi abuela vive en un árbol grande y siempre cuenta historias antiguas. En mi familia, todos somos muy cariñosos y hablamos mucho. ¿Cómo es tu familia?

Word bank: la madre - mother · el padre - father · el hermano - brother · la hermana - sister · el abuelo - grandfather · la abuela - grandmother · mi - my · se llama - is called · tengo - I have · cariñoso/a - affectionate

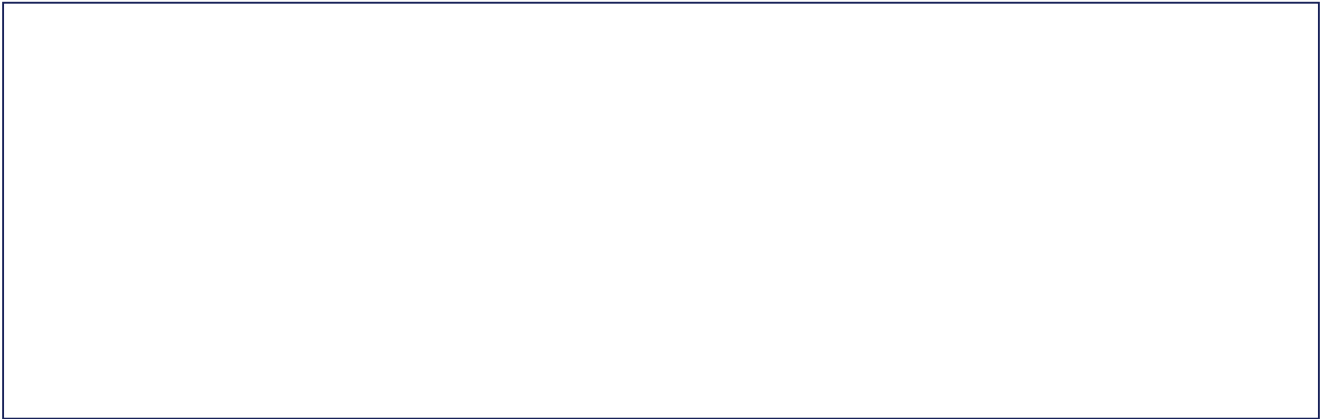
1. Translate the following phrase into English: 'Tengo un hermano pequeño'. (2 marks)

2. Identify the Spanish words used for 'mother' and 'father' in the passage. Explain why the ending of 'inteligente' does not change based on gender. (3 marks)

3. If Rosa were to describe her grandfather instead of her grandmother, how would the word 'abuela' change? Justify your answer using grammatical rules. (3 marks)

4. Rosa says, 'Mi abuela vive en un árbol grande'. What might happen if the family moved to a different habitat? Write a sentence in Spanish describing one family member in this new setting. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Family Tree' (Árbol Familiar) for Rosa. Label each member of her family in Spanish, ensuring you use the correct masculine or feminine articles (el/la).



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast Spanish family structures with English. Why do you think Spanish uses gendered endings for family members (e.g., abuelo vs abuela) while English does not? Write a short paragraph explaining the impact this has on how we describe people.