

A Picnic in the Plaza with Rosa the Parrot

Learning objective: To identify and use vocabulary related to food and drink in Spanish, and to express preferences using 'me gusta' and 'no me gusta'.

Read the passage about Rosa the parrot's favourite picnic foods. Use the word bank to help you understand the text and complete the questions below.

¡Hola! My name is Rosa, and I love to explore the markets in Spain. Today, I am preparing a picnic. For my lunch, I have un bocadillo de queso, which is delicious. I also have una manzana roja because it is healthy. To drink, I always choose el zumo de naranja because it is fresh. For dessert, I love el helado de chocolate! However, I am not a fan of vegetables, so no me gusta la ensalada. I prefer fruit and sweet treats!

Word bank: la manzana (apple) · el bocadillo (sandwich) · el zumo de naranja (orange juice) · la ensalada (salad) · el helado (ice cream) · me gusta (I like) · no me gusta (I do not like) · delicioso (delicious)

1. Identify two items from Rosa's picnic basket. Write their Spanish names. (2 marks)

2. Rosa says, 'No me gusta la ensalada.' What does this tell you about her food preferences? (2 marks)

3. If you were joining Rosa for a picnic, which food from the word bank would you choose and why? Write your answer in Spanish using 'Me gusta...'. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast Rosa's preferences with your own. Do you share the same taste in desserts? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

5. What might happen if Rosa decided to swap her 'zumo de naranja' for a different drink? Suggest a Spanish word for a drink and explain why you chose it. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw your ideal picnic basket. Label at least four items using their Spanish names from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are hosting a dinner party for Rosa. Write a short menu in Spanish consisting of a starter, a main course, and a dessert. Under each item, write one sentence in English explaining why you think Rosa would enjoy that specific dish.