

Rosa's Multilingual Greeting Guide

Learning objective: To identify and use a range of Spanish greetings and farewells appropriately in different contexts.

Rosa the parrot wants to help you become a confident Spanish speaker! Use this template to categorise greetings based on the time of day and the formality of the situation. Think about who you are speaking to and choose your vocabulary carefully.

Word bank: ¡Hola! · Buenos días · Buenas tardes · Buenas noches · Adiós · Hasta luego · Mucho gusto · Por favor · Gracias · Señor · Señora

1. Morning Greetings: List two ways to greet someone before midday. Explain why it is important to know the time of day when choosing a greeting in Spanish. (3 marks)

2. Formal vs Informal: Compare and contrast how you might greet a teacher versus a friend. Justify your choice of words using examples from the word bank. (4 marks)

3. Afternoon and Evening: Select the correct greetings for 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Explain why the term 'Buenas' is used in both instances. (3 marks)

4. Saying Goodbye: List two phrases to say goodbye. What might happen if you used 'Adiós' in a very formal setting compared to 'Hasta luego'? (3 marks)

5. Politeness Matters: Choose two words from the bank that show good manners. How do these enhance your conversation? (2 marks)

6. Creative Synthesis: Write a short dialogue script between you and a Spanish-speaking visitor. Include one greeting, one polite request, and one farewell. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Research: Investigate how greetings differ in various Spanish-speaking countries. Write a paragraph explaining whether greetings are always verbal or if physical gestures (like a wave or a handshake) are required, and why this cultural context matters.