

Spanish Greetings with Rosa the Parrot

Learning objective: To confidently use and differentiate between formal and informal Spanish greetings.

Read the dialogue between Rosa and her friends. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Think carefully about when to use 'tú' (informal) and 'usted' (formal).

Rosa the parrot flew into the sunny classroom. She chirped, '¡Buenos días, clase!' The children replied in unison. Rosa then landed on a desk to greet a new student, a quiet fox named Kit. 'Hola, Kit,' Rosa said warmly. '¿Cómo estás?' Kit smiled and replied, 'Estoy muy bien, gracias, Rosa.' Later, Rosa met a polite owl named Nova. Because Nova was a respected professor, Rosa bowed her head and said, 'Buenas tardes, señora Nova. ¿Cómo está usted?' Nova smiled and replied, 'Muy bien, gracias.'

Word bank: Hola - Hello · Buenos días - Good morning · Buenas tardes - Good afternoon · Buenas noches - Good evening/night · ¿Cómo estás? - How are you? (informal) · ¿Cómo está usted? - How are you? (formal) · Mucho gusto - Pleased to meet you · Adiós - Goodbye

1. Why did Rosa use the phrase '¿Cómo está usted?' with Nova, but '¿Cómo estás?' with Kit? Explain the difference between formal and informal greetings. (2 marks)

2. Identify which Spanish greeting Rosa would use if she arrived at school at 4:00 PM. Justify your answer. (2 marks)

3. If you were meeting a new friend for the first time, which greeting from the word bank would be most appropriate to use alongside 'Mucho gusto'? (1 mark)

4. Compare and contrast the English concept of 'Good evening' with the Spanish 'Buenas noches'. What might happen if you used 'Buenas noches' at 2:00 PM? (3 marks)

5. Write a short script where a student meets their headteacher in the morning. Ensure you use the correct level of formality. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Rosa the parrot greeting different animals at different times of the day. Label the scene with at least three Spanish greetings.



Extension challenge: Research the Spanish concept of 'siesta'. Write a paragraph explaining how the time of day affects the greetings used in Spain compared to the United Kingdom. Do you think these greetings are influenced by the climate? Justify your opinion.