

Spanish Greetings with Rosa the Parrot

Learning objective: To accurately use and understand formal and informal Spanish greetings and farewells in appropriate social contexts.

Read each scenario carefully and choose the correct Spanish phrase from the word bank to respond. Pay close attention to whether the situation requires formal or informal language.

Word bank: Hola · Buenos días · Buenas tardes · Buenas noches · ¿Cómo estás? · ¿Cómo está usted? · Adiós · Hasta luego · Mucho gusto

1. Rosa the Parrot meets a new friend at the park. She wants to say 'Hello' and ask 'How are you?' in an informal way. Write the two Spanish phrases she should use. (2 marks)

2. You are speaking to your headteacher at 10:00 am. Explain why you would choose 'Buenos días' over 'Buenas noches' and justify why you must use the formal '¿Cómo está usted?' instead of the informal version. (4 marks)

3. Translate the following farewells into English: 'Adiós' and 'Hasta luego'. Compare the two; which one implies that you will see the person again soon? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

4. If you meet an elderly person for the first time, why is it considered polite to use the formal structure? How might the tone of the conversation change if you used informal language instead? (4 marks)

5. Imagine you are arriving at a school assembly at 2:00 pm. Which greeting from the word bank is most appropriate to use? Justify your choice based on the time of day. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Rosa the Parrot is introducing herself to a new friend in a _____ colourful garden. Include speech bubbles showing the correct Spanish greeting for that time of day.

Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue between two characters meeting for the first time. Include a formal greeting, a polite introduction, and a farewell. Then, rewrite the dialogue as if the two characters are long-time best friends. Analyse the differences in the vocabulary used and explain why the register shifts between the two versions.