

Spanish Assessment: Los Meses del Año (Months of the Year)

Learning objective: To recall, spell, and apply knowledge of the twelve months of the year in Spanish, understanding their usage in dates and sentences.

Read each question carefully. Rosa the parrot reminds you to check your spelling, as Spanish months are not capitalised unless at the start of a sentence. Show your working where required.

Rosa the parrot is busy planning her calendar for the year. She loves to celebrate the seasons. She says: 'Mi cumpleaños es en octubre, pero mi mes favorito para volar es julio porque hace mucho sol.'

Word bank: enero · febrero · marzo · abril · mayo · junio · julio · agosto · septiembre · octubre · noviembre · diciembre

1. Write the Spanish translation for these four months: March, June, September, and December. (4 marks)

2. Rosa mentions that her birthday is in 'octubre'. Based on your knowledge of the calendar, which month comes immediately before and immediately after October? (2 marks)

3. Explain why the months 'enero' and 'febrero' are often associated with winter in Spain, whereas 'julio' and 'agosto' are associated with summer. Consider the position of the Earth in relation to the sun. (3 marks)

4. Translate the following sentence into English: 'El mes de mayo tiene treinta y un días.' (2 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the spelling of the Spanish months with their English equivalents. Identify at least two months that are cognates (look similar) and explain why this might be the case. (4 marks)

6. Rosa is planning a trip. She says: 'Voy a visitar España en el mes que viene después de junio y antes de agosto.' Which month is she visiting? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) in Spanish describing your favourite month. Include why you like it (e.g., weather, celebrations, or holidays) and mention the month that follows it. (7 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Calendario Creativo' (Creative Calendar) for one season of your choice. Label three months in Spanish and draw a symbol for each that represents the weather or a holiday typical of that time.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension Challenge: Research the Spanish tradition of 'Las doce uvas' (The Twelve Grapes). Write a 100-word report justifying why this tradition is significant in Spain and explain which month it takes place in.