

Rosa's Spanish Calendar Adventure

Learning objective: To identify, spell, and sequence the twelve months of the year in Spanish and understand their connection to seasonal patterns.

Read the passage below with Rosa the parrot. Use the word bank to help you complete the questions, ensuring you pay close attention to the spelling and capitalisation rules in Spanish.

¡Hola! I am Rosa. In Spanish, we call the months 'los meses del año'. Unlike in English, months in Spanish are not usually written with a capital letter unless they start a sentence. My friend Leo the lion loves writing poetry about the changing seasons. He notes that 'enero' is often very cold, while 'julio' and 'agosto' are filled with warm sunshine. As the year progresses, we see the leaves change colour in 'octubre' and 'noviembre' before the year concludes with 'diciembre'. Can you help me sort the calendar?

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

1. List the first four months of the year in Spanish. Why do you think it is important to learn them in the correct chronological order? (2 marks)

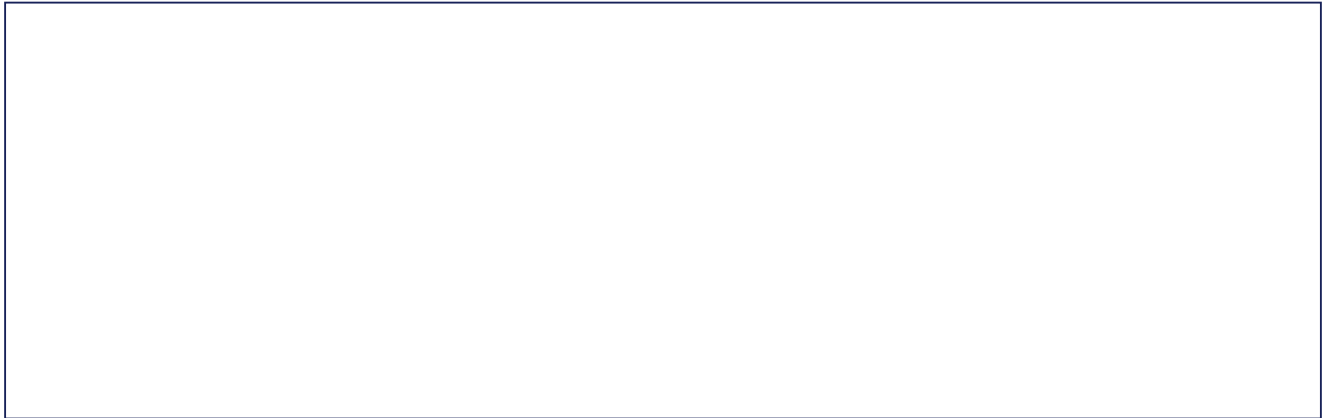
2. If Rosa is celebrating her birthday in the month that follows 'abril', which month is she celebrating in? Write your answer in Spanish. (1 mark)

3. Compare and contrast the Spanish spelling of 'septiembre' and 'diciembre' with their English equivalents. What spelling patterns or phonetic similarities can you identify? (2 marks)

4. Justify why 'junio', 'julio', and 'agosto' are considered the peak of summer in many European countries. How might the vocabulary used to describe these months change if you were in the Southern Hemisphere? (3 marks)

5. Explain why the Spanish language uses lowercase letters for months in a sentence, whereas English uses uppercase. What might happen if we ignored these grammatical conventions in a formal letter? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a circular 'Wheel of the Year' divided into twelve segments. In each segment, write the name of the month in Spanish and draw one symbol that represents the weather or a special event for that month in the UK.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a trip to a Spanish-speaking country. Create a short travel itinerary for three different months of the year. Describe what the weather might be like in those months using Spanish vocabulary for the months, and justify your choice of activities for each season.