

Rosa's Market Adventure: Los Números

Learning objective: To understand and use Spanish numbers 1-50 in a real-world context involving currency and quantity.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below. Pay close attention to the Spanish vocabulary and the calculation of prices.

Rosa the parrot has decided to visit the local market to buy ingredients for a tropical fruit salad. She lands gracefully at the first stall, where a basket of succulent mangoes costs exactly catorce pounds (£14). Next, she flies to a stall selling exotic dragon fruit. The merchant explains that a large box costs veinticinco pounds (£25). Rosa, ever the mathematician, notes that the dragon fruit is more expensive than the mangoes. Finally, she spots a beautiful decorative bowl to hold her fruit. The artisan says the price is cuarenta pounds (£40). Rosa counts her coins carefully. She has fifty pounds in total. She wonders if she can afford to buy the mangoes and the dragon fruit together. She calculates the total cost of the fruit: catorce plus veinticinco equals treinta y nueve (£39). Since she has fifty pounds, she smiles, knowing she has enough left over for some fresh lime juice. The market is a wonderful place to practise numbers and manage one's budget!

Word bank: catorce (14) · veinticinco (25) · cuarenta (40) · cuesta (it costs) · la moneda (the coin) · más caro (more expensive)

1. How much does the box of dragon fruit cost in pounds, and what is the Spanish word for this number? (2 marks)

2. What is the total cost of the mangoes and the dragon fruit combined? (2 marks)

3. Explain why Rosa is confident that she has enough money to buy both the mangoes and the dragon fruit. (3 marks)

4. Infer how Rosa feels about the market visit. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If Rosa decided to buy the bowl instead of the fruit, would she have enough money left over to buy the mangoes? Show your working. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw Rosa the parrot at the market stall looking at a basket of fruit. Label the basket with the price in Spanish (e.g., 'catorce libras').

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer at this market with a budget of £100. Create a shopping list with at least four items, assigning each a price in Spanish numbers. Calculate the total and explain why you chose these specific items, justifying your spending choices.