

Rosa's Tropical Fruit Market

Learning objective: To express personal opinions in Spanish using phrases such as 'Me gusta', 'No me gusta', 'Me encanta', and 'Odio'.

Read the text about Rosa the parrot's trip to the market. Use your knowledge of Spanish opinion phrases to answer the questions below.

Rosa, the bright, bilingual parrot, flew to the local market to sample the fresh produce. She landed on a wooden crate and chirped to the stallholder. '¡Hola! Today, I am deciding which fruits are the best,' she squawked happily. She took a small bite of a strawberry. '¡Me encanta la fresa! It is so sweet and juicy,' she declared. Next, she tried a slice of lemon. She made a funny face and ruffled her colourful feathers. '¡Odio el limón! It is far too sour for my beak.' Looking at the display, she spotted some bananas. 'Me gusta el plátano,' she noted, 'but it is not my absolute favourite.' Finally, she sampled a green apple. 'No me gusta la manzana,' she decided, shaking her head. Rosa loves sharing her opinions because it helps her friends choose the tastiest snacks for their picnics. Whether she is explaining why she adores strawberries or why she dislikes the sharpness of citrus, Rosa always ensures her Spanish is clear and enthusiastic. She believes that expressing your likes and dislikes is the most important part of learning a new language.

Word bank: Me gusta - I like · No me gusta - I don't like · Me encanta - I love · Odio - I hate · La fruta - the fruit · Delicioso - delicious

1. Which fruit does Rosa say she 'encanta' (loves), and which fruit does she 'odia' (hates)? (2 marks)

2. According to the text, why does Rosa enjoy sharing her opinions about food? (2 marks)

3. Why might Rosa have reacted negatively to the lemon? Use evidence from the passage to support your inference. (2 marks)

4. Compare Rosa's opinion of the banana with her opinion of the strawberry. What is the subtle difference in how she feels? (2 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Do you think learning to express opinions is a useful skill when visiting a foreign country? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Rosa the parrot standing in front of a market stall. Label the fruits she likes with a happy face and the fruits she dislikes with a sad face, using the correct Spanish phrases from the text.



Extension challenge: Write a short dialogue in Spanish between Rosa and a friend where they discuss three different school subjects (e.g., maths, art, PE) using the opinion phrases you have learned today. Explain why you chose those specific phrases for each subject.