

Rosa's Spanish Sports Challenge

Learning objective: To use accurate vocabulary for sports in Spanish and construct sentences using the verb 'jugar' (to play) and 'hacer' (to do).

Read the clues and use your knowledge of Spanish to complete the tasks. Remember that when using 'jugar', we use 'al' (a + el) for masculine sports and 'a la' for feminine sports.

Rosa the parrot is preparing for the Great Meadow Sports Day. She needs your help to organise the equipment and describe which activities the animals are choosing to participate in.

Word bank: jugar al fútbol (to play football) · jugar al baloncesto (to play basketball) · hacer natación (to do swimming) · hacer gimnasia (to do gymnastics) · jugar al tenis (to play tennis) · montar en bicicleta (to ride a bike) · me gusta (I like) · no me gusta (I do not like)

1. Translate the following sentences into Spanish: 'I like to play football' and 'I like to do gymnastics'. (2 marks)

2. Explain why we use 'al' for 'fútbol' but 'a la' for 'gimnasia' when using the verb 'jugar' or 'hacer'. Why is the grammar rule different for these sports? (3 marks)

3. Max the monkey wants to play tennis. Write a full sentence in Spanish describing what Max wants to do, and a follow-up sentence explaining why he might choose that sport. (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How does the structure of the sentence change when you move from 'me gusta' (I like) to 'no me gusta' (I do not like)? Provide an example. (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If you were organising a sports day, which sport would you classify as 'hacer' (to do) rather than 'jugar' (to play)? Give a reason for your classification in Spanish. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Pip the caterpillar and Nova the owl playing a sport together. Label the sport in Spanish in a speech bubble above their heads.



Extension challenge: Imagine a new sport that hasn't been invented yet. Give it a name in Spanish, describe how it is played using at least three Spanish verbs, and explain what equipment is required.