

Rosa's Time-Telling Fiesta: A Spanish Quiz

Learning objective: To accurately tell and write the time in Spanish using the 'es la' and 'son las' structures, including quarter-past, half-past, and quarter-to.

Join Rosa the parrot as she practises her Spanish time-telling. Read each question carefully. For multiple choice, indicate the correct option with an asterisk (*). For true/false and short-answer questions, write your responses clearly.

Answer Key: 1.C*, 2.B*, 3.A*, 4.True, 5.False (It is 'menos cuarto'), 6.Son las cinco y media, 7.Es la una y cuarto, 8.The 'es la' structure is singular because 'una' is one, while 'son las' is plural for all other hours. 9.Explain that 'menos' means minus, so you are subtracting time from the next hour. 10.Answers will vary; e.g., '¿Qué hora es?'

Word bank: Es la una · Son las dos · y cuarto · y media · menos cuarto · en punto

1. 1. How do you say 'It is 2 o'clock' in Spanish? A) Es la dos B) Son las dos y cuarto C) Son las dos en punto* D) Es la dos menos cuarto (1 mark)

2. 2. Which phrase means 'quarter past'? A) y media B) y cuarto* C) menos cuarto D) en punto (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the correct way to say 'It is 1:00'? A) Es la una* B) Son las una C) Es las una D) Son la una (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: 'Son las tres y media' translates to 'It is half past three'. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: 'Menos cuarto' is the phrase used to describe quarter past the hour. (1 mark)

6. 6. Write the Spanish for 'It is half past five'. (1 mark)

7. 7. Write the Spanish for 'It is quarter past one'. (1 mark)

8. 8. Justify your answer: Why do we use 'Es la' for one o'clock but 'Son las' for all other hours? (1 mark)

9. 9. Explain why 'Son las cuatro menos cuarto' means 'quarter to four' rather than 'quarter past four'. (1 mark)

10. 10. What might happen if you confused 'y cuarto' with 'menos cuarto' when meeting a friend? Explain the consequences. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a traditional Spanish clock face showing 'Son las diez y media'. Label the time in Spanish at the bottom of your drawing.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a travel itinerary for Rosa. Write a paragraph in English justifying why it is essential to master time-telling when visiting a Spanish-speaking country, and include three examples of time-sensitive activities you might schedule using Spanish phrasing.