

Viajando con Rosa: Transport in Spain

Learning objective: To identify and use Spanish vocabulary for various modes of transport and express travel preferences.

Read the passage about Rosa the parrot's journey across Spain. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions below. Remember to use full sentences in your answers where required.

¡Hola! My name is Rosa, and I love to travel. Last summer, I flew to Spain to visit my cousins. I started my journey at the airport, where I took el avión to reach Madrid. It was very fast! Once in the city, I travelled by el autobús to see the sights. To explore the beautiful coastline, I decided to take el barco across the Mediterranean Sea. When I want to exercise and enjoy the fresh air, I always choose la bicicleta. Moving around is a wonderful way to learn new words in Spanish!

Word bank: el tren (the train) · el autobús (the bus) · el barco (the boat) · el avión (the plane) · la bicicleta (the bicycle) · rápido (fast) · lento (slow) · me gusta (I like) · prefiero (I prefer)

1. Identify two modes of transport mentioned in the passage that travel on land. (2 marks)

2. Rosa describes el avión as 'rápido'. What does this mean, and why might it be the best choice for a long distance? (3 marks)

3. If you were travelling to a small village, would you choose el avión or la bicicleta? Justify your answer using the vocabulary provided. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the experience of travelling by el barco versus el autobús. Consider the environment and the speed. (4 marks)

5. Translate the following sentence into English: 'Prefiero el tren porque es interesante.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite mode of transport in the centre of the page. Around it, label the vehicle in Spanish and draw the environment where it travels (e.g., waves for a boat, clouds for a plane, or trees for a bicycle).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a holiday across Spain. Write a short paragraph in Spanish explaining which three modes of transport you would use and why. Explain what might happen if one of your chosen modes of transport were delayed; how would it affect your travel plans?