

Rosa the Parrot's Spanish School

Learning objective: To understand simple Spanish present and past tense verbs.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you. Fill in the boxes with your answers.

Rosa the parrot loves to teach Spanish. Every morning, she starts her class with a song. 'Today we will speak Spanish,' she says. Rosa likes to dance while she teaches. She uses the present tense to talk about what she is doing now. For example, she says, 'Yo canto,' which means 'I sing.'

In the afternoon, Rosa remembers what she did yesterday. She uses the past tense for this. She tells her friends, 'Ayer bailé,' which means 'Yesterday I danced.' When she talks about the past, the verb changes to show it is finished. Sometimes she teaches her friends how to speak clearly. She says, 'Hablar es divertido,' which means 'To speak is fun.' Rosa thinks that learning a new language is like solving a puzzle. She feels happy when her friends learn new words. Whether she is singing in the present or remembering the past, Rosa always has a big smile on her beak. Her lessons help everyone grow and learn.

Word bank: hablar (to speak) · bailar (to dance) · presente (present) · pasado (past) · cantar (to sing)

1. What does the Spanish phrase 'Yo canto' mean in English? (2 marks)

2. Find a sentence in the text that uses the past tense. (2 marks)

3. Why does Rosa change the verb when she talks about yesterday? (2 marks)

4. How do you think Rosa feels when her friends learn new words? (2 marks)

5. Do you think learning a new language is a good skill? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Rosa the parrot teaching Spanish to her friends. Show her singing or dancing.



Extension challenge: Try to write one sentence in Spanish about something you did today, and one sentence about something you did yesterday.