Rosa's School Day in French

1. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c (3 marks)

Working: Matching: un stylo = pen, une règle = ruler, un livre = book.

1 mark for each correct match.

2. J'ai une gomme. (1 mark)

Working: The word 'gomme' is feminine, so it requires 'une'.

1 mark for correct article 'une'.

3. J'ai un livre. (Or any valid sentence using the provided vocabulary). (2 marks)

Working: Must start with 'J'ai' and use a noun from the word bank.

1 mark for 'J'ai', 1 mark for correct noun.

4. Une règle is the odd one out. (2 marks)

Look for: The student identifies 'une règle' because it uses 'une' while the others use 'un'.

Good: Une règle is the odd one out because it is a ruler.

Better: Une règle is the odd one out because it uses 'une' and the others use 'un'.

Best: Une règle is the odd one out because it is a feminine noun using 'une', whereas 'un livre', 'un stylo', and 'un cartable' are masculine nouns using 'un'.

What moves an answer up: Moving up requires identifying the grammatical pattern (gender) rather than just the object's function.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding that French nouns have gender and that 'un' and 'une' must match the noun correctly.

If your child is stuck

Remind the child to look at the word bank provided. If they are stuck on the gender, tell them to look at the 'un' or 'une' written next to the word in the list.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often mix up 'un' and 'une' because they are used to English where 'a' is used for everything. They may also try to translate the sentence structure word-for-word instead of using the 'J'ai' phrase.