Une Journée au Marché: French Shopping Assessment

1. (a) I would like to buy (b) How much is it? (2 marks)

Working: Direct translation from word bank and passage context.

1 mark for each correct translation.

2. Rosa does not buy the bananas because she thinks they are too expensive. (2 marks)

Look for: The link between the price of bananas and the word 'cher' (expensive).

Good: She doesn't buy them because they are expensive.

Better: Rosa doesn't buy the bananas because she says they are too expensive in French.

Best: Rosa decides not to buy the bananas because she states 'c'est trop cher', which means they are too expensive.

What moves an answer up: Moving from a simple statement to including the specific French evidence and context improves the answer.

3. Cinq kilos de pommes coûtent dix livres. (3 marks)

Working: 5 kilos x £2 = £10. 5 = cinq, 10 = dix, pounds = livres.

1 mark for the calculation, 2 marks for the correct French sentence structure.

4. (a) J'aime (b) Je déteste (4 marks)

Working: Conjugation of regular -er verbs for the first person singular.

2 marks per correct verb form.

5. Client: Bonjour! Shopkeeper: Bonjour. Client: Je voudrais une pomme, s'il vous plaît. Shopkeeper: C'est une livre. Client: Merci! (9 marks)

Look for: Four distinct lines covering greeting, request, price, and thanks.

Good: Hello. I want an apple. It is £1. Thank you.

Better: Bonjour! Je voudrais une pomme. C'est une livre. Merci beaucoup.

Best: Client: Bonjour! Je voudrais acheter une pomme. Shopkeeper: Bonjour, c'est une livre. Client: Merci beaucoup! Shopkeeper: De rien.

What moves an answer up: Using appropriate French dialogue markers and polite forms elevates the quality.

6. Le pain est cher, mais l'eau est bon marché. (5 marks)

Working: Translation of 'bread' (le pain), 'expensive' (cher), 'but' (mais), 'water' (l'eau), 'cheap' (bon marché).

1 mark for each correct vocabulary item and 1 mark for correct sentence structure.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding of basic shopping vocabulary and the ability to construct simple sentences using the verb 'vouloir' and adjectives of price.

If your child is stuck

Encourage the child to look back at the word bank provided in the worksheet and read the passage aloud to hear the rhythm of the French sentences.

Common mistakes to watch for

Students often confuse 'cher' (expensive) and 'bon marché' (cheap), or forget to use the correct currency term 'livres' when discussing prices.