Rosa the Parrot's French Time Challenge

1. Il est deux heures. (2 marks)

Working: The clock shows 2:00. 'Two o'clock' is 'deux heures'.

Award 1 mark for 'Il est' and 1 mark for 'deux heures'.

2. et demie (2 marks)

Working: The word bank defines 'et demie' as 'half past'.

Award 2 marks for the correct phrase.

3. Four o'clock (2 marks)

Working: The word bank defines 'quatre heures' as 'four o'clock'.

Award 2 marks for the correct time.

4. We add 'et demie' to show that it is half past the hour. (4 marks)

Look for: The student must identify that 'et demie' means 'half past'.

Good: It means half past.

Better: We add it to show the time is half past the hour.

Best: We add 'et demie' to the end of the sentence to show that the time is half past the hour, just like in the word bank.

What moves an answer up: Moving up requires connecting the phrase to the specific meaning of 'half past' and using a full sentence.

5. Il est une heure et demie. I might eat my lunch at this time. (5 marks)

Look for: Correct French for 1:30 and a logical activity.

Good: Il est une heure et demie. I eat lunch.

Better: Il est une heure et demie. I might eat my lunch at this time.

Best: Il est une heure et demie. At this time, I might be finishing my lunch break in the playground.

What moves an answer up: Moving up requires more descriptive language and context.

6. Yes, she is correct. 'Il est une heure' means 'It is one o'clock', which matches the clock. (5 marks)

Look for: Confirmation that she is correct and an explanation of the translation.

Good: Yes, she is right.

Better: Yes, she is correct because 'Il est une heure' means one o'clock.

Best: Yes, Rosa is correct. The word bank says 'une heure' is one o'clock, so it matches the clock showing 1:00.

What moves an answer up: Moving up requires referencing the provided word bank as evidence.

7. It is half past two. (5 marks)

Working: 'Il est deux heures' = It is two o'clock. 'et demie' = half past.

Award 5 marks for the correct translation.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer shows an understanding of the 'Il est' structure and the ability to map the French phrases to the correct time on an analogue clock.

If your child is stuck

Ask the child to read the word bank aloud first to hear the sounds. Remind them that 'Il est' is the starting block for every time sentence.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often forget to include 'Il est' at the start, or they may confuse 'demie' (half) with the number for two.