Rosa’s Busy Clock Shop

1. One o'clock. (1 mark)

Working: The text states: 'At exactly une heure, she stops for a quick snack'. The word bank defines 'une heure' as 'one o'clock'.

Accept 'one o'clock' or '1 o'clock'.

2. Il est midi! (1 mark)

Working: The text states: 'Rosa looks at the round clock faces and says, "Il est midi!"'

Must include the exact French phrase used in the text.

3. Rosa is a good teacher because she is kind and enjoys helping her friends learn new words. (2 marks)

Look for: Evidence that she enjoys helping others or teaching.

Good: She is a good teacher because she likes to teach her friends.

Better: She is a good teacher because she enjoys helping her friends learn new words.

Best: Rosa is a good teacher because she smiles while helping her friends learn, showing she enjoys sharing her knowledge of time and language.

What moves an answer up: Moving up requires linking the action (teaching) to the character's positive attitude or specific evidence from the text.

4. The hedgehog might feel happy or excited because Rosa smiles and enjoys helping her friends. (2 marks)

Look for: An inference about the hedgehog's feelings based on Rosa's friendly nature.

Good: The hedgehog feels happy.

Better: The hedgehog feels happy because Rosa is friendly and helps him buy a watch.

Best: The hedgehog likely feels welcome and happy because Rosa smiles and enjoys helping her friends find what they need.

What moves an answer up: Moving up requires connecting the hedgehog's potential emotion to Rosa's behaviour described in the passage.

5. Yes, Rosa enjoys her job because she says 'J'aime le temps', which means 'I love time'. (2 marks)

Look for: Evidence of her enjoyment, such as the quote or her cheerful greeting.

Good: Yes, she likes her job.

Better: Yes, she likes her job because she says she loves time.

Best: Yes, Rosa enjoys her job because she says 'J'aime le temps' and she greets customers with a cheerful 'Bonjour' every morning.

What moves an answer up: Moving up requires using a specific quote or detail from the text to justify the opinion.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates that the child can retrieve specific information from the text and link it to the provided French vocabulary bank.

If your child is stuck

Ask the child to look back at the 'word bank' box to translate the French phrases, then scan the story for those specific words.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children may confuse 'midi' (midday) with 'une heure' (one o'clock) or forget to use the provided French phrases when asked what Rosa says.