Rosa’s Time-Telling Adventure: Quelle Heure Est-il?

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Practise asking each other the time in French during the day at home.

Look at the clocks around the classroom! To ask 'What time is it?', say: 'Quelle heure est-il?' (kel ur eh-TEEL). To answer, use 'Il est...' followed by the number and 'heure'. Example: For 3 o'clock, say 'Il est trois heures' (eel eh twah ur).

- **Fact 1: We use the phrase 'Quelle heure est-il?' to ask someone the time.**
- **Fact 2: 'Il est' is the French way of saying 'It is' when talking about time.**
- **Fact 3: Always remember to add the word 'heures' (hours) after the number.**
- **Fact 4: For one o'clock, we say 'une heure' instead of 'un heure'.**
- **Fact 5: Rosa the parrot loves practising time because it helps her arrive at the oak tree for her friends on time!**

> *Did you know? Did you know? In France, people often use the 24-hour clock for train times and TV schedules. This means 3:00 PM is often called 'quinze heures' (fifteen hours) instead of 'trois heures'!*

Key vocabulary: Quelle heure est-il? (kel ur eh-TEEL) - What time is it? · Il est... (eel eh) - It is... · une heure (oon ur) - one o'clock · deux heures (duh ur) - two o'clock · trois heures (twah ur) - three o'clock · quatre heures (kat-ruh ur) - four o'clock