Mastering the Clock: Telling the Time in French

Learning objective: I can tell the time in French using the 12-hour clock format.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to say the time aloud to practise the French pronunciation.

To tell the time in French, start with 'Il est...' (It is...). For the hour, add the number, then 'heure(s)'. If it is half past, add 'et demie' (ay dem-ee).

Example: 3:00 is 'Il est trois heures' (eel ay trwah ur). 3:30 is 'Il est trois heures et demie' (eel ay trwah ur ay dem-ee).

Rosa the parrot loves to visit schools in London to help children learn French. Today, Rosa is helping Mo and Amira organise their afternoon. 'It is one o'clock,' says Rosa, 'time for lunch!' After lunch, they head to the playground. 'It is three thirty,' Rosa chirps, 'time to go home!'

Word bank: Il est (eel ay) - It is · heure (ur) - hour/o'clock · et demie (ay dem-ee) - and a half · une (oon) - one · deux (duh) - two · trois (trwah) - three · quatre (kat-ruh) - four · cinq (sank) - five · six (sees) - six

1. Using the word bank, write the French for 'It is two o'clock'. (1 mark)

2. Translate 'Il est six heures et demie' into English. (1 mark)

3. Rosa says 'Il est quatre heures'. What time is it in English? (1 mark)

4. Write the French phrase for 'It is five thirty'. (2 marks)

5. If Mo has a lesson at 1:30, how would you write that in French? (2 marks)

Draw: A friendly parrot named Rosa sitting on a classroom clock that shows half past four.

Extension challenge: Try to write a sentence about what time you finish school in French, e.g., 'Il est trois heures et demie.'



I did it! **Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

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