Rosa’s Weekend Adventures in French

1. Rosa eats apples and bananas. (1 mark)

Working: Text states: 'Elle adore les pommes et les bananes.'

Award 1 mark for both fruits mentioned.

2. She reads an exciting book in her nest. (1 mark)

Working: Text states: 'Elle lit un livre passionnant dans son nid.'

Award 1 mark for reading a book.

3. Rosa watches the stars with Nova because they enjoy learning the names of the constellations. (2 marks)

Look for: Evidence that they are learning about constellations.

Good: They watch the stars to learn the names of constellations.

Better: Rosa watches the stars with Nova because they like learning the names of the constellations together.

Best: Rosa watches the stars with Nova because, as the text says, 'Elles aiment apprendre les noms des constellations' (they like to learn the names of the constellations).

What moves an answer up: The best answer includes a direct reference or quote from the text to support the reason.

4. It means that learning a new language allows you to discover new things, cultures, or ideas that were previously hidden from you. (2 marks)

Look for: An explanation of the metaphor regarding discovery or access to new worlds.

Good: It means learning a language helps you find out about new things.

Better: It means that learning a language is like opening a door because it lets you explore a new, magical world of communication.

Best: Rosa means that learning a language acts like a key to a door, allowing you to access new knowledge and experiences that you couldn't reach before.

What moves an answer up: The best answer explains the metaphorical 'door' as a tool for access and discovery.

5. Yes, I think she enjoys her weekends because she spends time with friends, learns new things, and feels ready for school on Monday. (2 marks)

Look for: An opinion supported by a reason from the text.

Good: Yes, she enjoys her weekend because she does fun activities.

Better: Yes, she enjoys her weekend because she plays with her friends and reads books she finds interesting.

Best: Yes, I think she enjoys her weekend because she spends time with friends like Nova and engages in hobbies she loves, like reading and watching nature programmes.

What moves an answer up: The best answer provides specific examples of activities mentioned in the text to justify the opinion.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an ability to locate specific details in the text and interpret metaphorical language using context clues.

If your child is stuck

Ask the child to underline the French words they recognise first, then look for the English equivalents in the surrounding sentences.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children may confuse the activities Rosa does on Saturday with those she does on Sunday, or struggle to interpret the metaphorical meaning of 'opening a door'.