TÍTULO:

ROSA THE RABBIT TAKES RESPONSIBILITY

AUDIOVISUAL

TOPIC
Decision-making.

CURRICULAR AREA
Foreign Language: English.

Lexicon: Verbs – to feel sorry, to forgive, to tell the truth, to take responsibility, to accept a mistake, to say sorry, to make up a mistake, to stay out of trouble, to think
Syntactic-discursive content:
Communicative function – apologising: I'm sorry, It's my fault. What can I do for you? How can I make up my mistake?

SCHOOL CONTEXT
Bilingualism.

RECOMMENDED AGE
8 to 10 years old.

SUMMARY
Rosa and her friends are bored at a party because the adults are busy talking. Rosa suggests playing hide and seek. During the game, the smallest bunny hides behind some flowers and accidentally ruins them. When the garden owner sees the damage, she is very sad. Eventually, the bunnies take responsibility and repair the garden to make the owner happy again.

THEORETICAL BASIS

We consider honesty a fundamental value in accepting the consequences of our decisions. Acting based on what has truly happened, without blaming others or external causes, allows us to maintain meaningful relationships, such as friendship. Everyone makes mistakes, but when those mistakes affect others, taking responsibility with honesty and apologising makes it easier to preserve those relationships.

PURPOSE

After the teacher reads the story, pupils will reflect on what it means to accept responsibility for our actions. The emphasis will be on minimising potential harm to others through prior reflection, and the need to apologise when harm is caused. Vocabulary and structures for accepting mistakes and apologising in English will be introduced.

LESSON PLAN

Stage 1

The teacher tells the story but stops before the ending. In small groups, pupils will create their own ending for the story. Visual aids should be used to support comprehension. These can be found on the website linked in the resource.

Pupils may initially create endings in Spanish; the teacher should provide vocabulary and expressions in English as needed. Emphasis should be placed on vocabulary linked to responsibility and consequences. The teacher will note down key words and sentences such as:

- to feel sorry (I'm sorry).
- to apologise.
- to forgive.
- to tell the truth.
- to take responsibility (It's my fault).

The children's endings will reveal their understanding of honesty, acknowledging mistakes, and whether they recognise the importance of making amends. Each group will then present their chosen ending to the class.

Stage 2

Discussion prompts:

- What does "being responsible" mean? (To accept mistakes, to say sorry, to make up for mistakes.)
- How can we apologise? (I'm sorry. It was my fault.)
- How can we make up for our mistakes? (What can I do for you? How can I make up my mistake?)

Then, reflect on preventive actions:

- How could we stay out of trouble? (By thinking before acting.)

Mistakes are part of being human. However, it is essential to understand the importance of thinking before acting to minimise the negative consequences of our actions.

STORY TEXT

Rosa was at a party with her family. She was having lots of fun!

But then the grown-ups started talking. Rosa and the other bunnies were bored.

"Let's play hide and seek," said Rosa.

Rosa found all of the bunnies, but she couldn't find the smallest one. "Let's look behind those flowers," said Rosa. "That's a good hiding spot."

The bunnies all ran to look behind the flowers. And there was the tiny bunny!

"Oh, no!" said Mrs Ortiz. "Who did this to my flowers?"

Proposed Ending

Rosa and the other bunnies looked away. They didn't say anything.

"Do you know how long it takes for flowers to grow? Now they're ruined!" cried Mrs Ortiz. Rosa swallowed her fear and hopped closer to Mrs Ortiz. "I'm sorry," she said. "It's my fault."

The next day, Rosa and her family came back. They brought a new plant to put in the garden.

"When this plant grows flowers, I will think of you," Mrs Ortiz told Rosa. "I will think of how responsible you are by saying you're sorry and by bringing me a new plant. I'm proud of you, Rosa!"