



PARTITIVE ARTICLES

Tenth lesson – Dixième lesson

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1. DEFINITION

- Partitive articles describe nouns that are **not quantified or countable**.
- They are the equivalent of *some* and *any* in English. Although, they are also used in cases when nothing is used in English translation.



1. DEFINITION

- These articles may **never** be omitted in French.
- They represent either something that is **a part of a whole** (ex.: slice of bread) or otherwise **uncountable**(ex.: water).
- More abstractly, they are used before nouns of **feelings or activities.**



2. FORMS

- There are four forms of the partitive article.
Their uses depend on:
 - the gender,
 - the number,
 - the first letter of the noun refers to



2. FORMS

- THE PARTITIVE ARTICLE

| | SINGULAR | PLURAL |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| Masculine | Du | Des |
| Feminine | De la | Des |
| Before vowel or h | De l' | Des |



3. USES

- Examples:

- *Dans le frigo, il y a **du** lait, **des** fruits et **de la** viande.*

- *In the fridge, there are (some) milk, (some) fruits and (some) meat.*

- *Thandi ressent **de la** colère contre Mark.*

- *Thandi feels anger towards Mark /is angry at Mark*



3. USES

- Note : partitive articles are not used with verbs like **adorer** (*to adore*), **aimer** (*to love, to like*), **préférer** (*to prefer*) or **détester** (*to hate*).

- *J'adore / aime / préfère / déteste **le** vin!*

- *I adore / love / prefer / hate wine!*



4. NEGATIVE SENTENCES & PARTITIVES

- In a negative sentence, **du, de la, des ,des** and **de l'** always change to **de** or **d'**

- *Tu manges **de la** viande?*

- *- Do you eat meat?.*

→ - *Non, je ne mange pas **de** viande.*

- *No, I don't eat meat.*



C'est tout pour aujourd'hui!

Au revoir!

Merci!

