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**

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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!