

# Partitive articles

Level: A1+ / A2 · 25 min

## Objective

By the end, you will choose du, de la or de l' with common foods and drinks.

## Discover

Compare: un café / du café. Which one refers to a counted serving and which to an uncounted substance?

## Understand

Du, de la and de l' often refer to an uncounted quantity: boire du café, manger de la soupe, acheter de l'huile. Before a vowel or silent h, use de l'.

## Examples

- du café
- du pain
- de la soupe
- de la confiture
- de l'eau
- de l'huile

## Remember

du + masculine · de la + feminine · de l' + vowel/silent h. E.g. du pain, de la soupe, de l'eau.

## Exercises

1. For "Partitive articles", sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. "du café": which category does it belong to?  
du • de la • de l'
3. "du pain": which category does it belong to?  
du • de la • de l'
4. "de la soupe": which category does it belong to?  
de la • du • de l'
5. "de la confiture": which category does it belong to?  
de la • du • de l'
6. "de l'eau": which category does it belong to?  
de l' • du • de la
7. "de l'huile": which category does it belong to?  
de l' • du • de la
8. Complete correctly: Je bois \_\_\_ café.
9. Complete correctly: Je mange \_\_\_ pain.
10. Complete correctly: Elle prépare \_\_\_ soupe.
11. Complete correctly: Tu veux \_\_\_ confiture.
12. Complete correctly: Nous buvons \_\_\_ eau.
13. Complete correctly: Il achète \_\_\_ huile.
14. For "Partitive articles": match each item to the correct category.
15. Complete this "Partitive articles" example: "de la \_\_\_\_"
16. Rebuild this "Partitive articles" sentence in a natural order.  
la / confiture / de
17. Complete this "Partitive articles" example: "de \_\_\_\_"

18. Rebuild this "Partitive articles" sentence in a natural order.

l'huile / de

19. Complete this "Partitive articles" example: "du \_\_\_\_"

20. Rebuild this "Partitive articles" sentence in a natural order.

pain / du

21. Complete this "Partitive articles" example: "de la \_\_\_\_"

22. Rebuild this "Partitive articles" sentence in a natural order.

confiture / de / la

## Answer key

1. du café du; du pain du; de la soupe de la; de la confiture de la; de l'eau de l'; de l'huile de l'

Each item is sorted using the exact criterion introduced in the lesson.

2. du

"du café" belongs to the category "du".

3. du

"du pain" belongs to the category "du".

4. de la

"de la soupe" belongs to the category "de la".

5. de la

"de la confiture" belongs to the category "de la".

6. de l'

"de l'eau" belongs to the category "de l'".

7. de l'

"de l'huile" belongs to the category "de l'".

8. du

The expected form is "du".

9. du

The expected form is "du".

10. de la

The expected form is "de la".

11. de la

The expected form is "de la".

12. de l'

The expected form is "de l'".

13. de l'

The expected form is "de l'".

14. du café du; du pain du; de la soupe de la; de la confiture de la; de l'eau de l'; de l'huile de l'

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. soupe

The missing word is "soupe". Full sentence: "de la soupe".

16. de la confiture

The rebuilt sentence is: "de la confiture".

17. l'eau

The missing word is "l'eau". Full sentence: "de l'eau".

18. de l'huile

The rebuilt sentence is: "de l'huile".

19. café

The missing word is "café". Full sentence: "du café".

20. du pain

The rebuilt sentence is: "du pain".

21. soupe

The missing word is "soupe". Full sentence: "de la soupe".

22. de la confiture

The rebuilt sentence is: "de la confiture".