



## Countable and Uncountable





# **Class Objective**

To understand countable and uncountable (Les Articles partitifs)



#### Concept A: Introduction

The partitive article refers to an <u>unspecified quantity</u> of food, liquid, or some other uncountable noun. English has no equivalent article – the partitive is usually translated by the adjectives "some" or "any," or may be left out entirely.

Characteristics of partitive articles: Used with uncountable nouns like chocolate, water, and money



## For example:s

• Achète des épinards.

Buy some spinach.

• J'ai mangé du pain hier.

I ate bread yesterday.



## Concept B: French partitive articles

Masculine singular	Du
Feminine singular	De la
With a vowel/silent "h"	De l'
Plural (m and f)	Des



### Using partitive articles

1. The partitive article is needed when talking about an unknown or unspecified quantity of something uncountable.

#### For example:

- Je veux de l'eau. I want some water.
- J'ai acheté des pâtes. I bought some pasta.

Water and pasta are both uncountable – you can't ask "how many" water or pasta, only *"how much.*"



