

## EPISODE 96 CHEAT SHEET

# Definite, Indefinite, or Partitive Articles?

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### DEFINITE ARTICLE (LE, LA, L', LES)

French definite articles are the equivalent of "the" in English.

➡ Indicates something or someone specific or already identified

"Je mange le gâteau qui était dans le frigo." (I'm eating the cake that was in the fridge.)

### INDEFINITE ARTICLE (UN, UNE, DES)

French indefinite articles are the equivalent of "a/an" or "some" in the plural in English.

➡ Indicates something or someone non-specific or non-identified yet.

"Je mange un gâteau." (I'm eating a cake.)

## PARTITIVE ARTICLE (DU, D', DE LA, DES)

French partitive articles are the equivalent of "some" (or "any") in English.

⚠ "some" and "any" are often omitted in English. Most of the time the French equivalent cannot be omitted.

➡ Indicates a portion of something or a quantity that cannot be counted.

"Je mange du gâteau." (*I'm eating [some] cake.*)

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