

CHEAT SHEET

How to Use Partitive Articles in French

RULES:

#1 Before a masculine noun, use the partitive article: du

Il mange du pain. (He's eating [some] bread.)

#2 Before a feminine noun, use the partitive article: de la

Tu veux de la salade? (Do you want [some] salad?)

#3 Before a noun starting with a vowel or a mute h (whether it's feminine or masculine) use the partitive article: de l'

Je bois de l'eau. (I'm drinking [some] water.)

#4 Before a plural noun (whether it's feminine or masculine) use the partitive article: des

On achète des pâtes. (We're buying [some] pasta.)



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