**The Partitive Articles *du, de la, de l’, des***

* Use **du, de la, de l’, des** to indicate some of or a part of something (some or any- nouns that cannot be counted). Usually used after “acheter, avoir, désirer, donner, manger, prendre, vouloir or expressions like “il y a” and “voilà”.

*Je mange* ***du*** *gâteau.*

*Tu veux* ***de la*** *salade ?*

*Elle va prendre* ***de l’****eau minérale.*

*Il me faut* ***des*** *oranges.*

*Voilà des bonbons.*

* If you want to talk about a **whole** item, use the article **un** or **une**.

*Il achète* ***une*** *tarte.*

* For nouns that can be counted if you say ***des*** *pommes de terre ou* ***des*** *haricots*, you are expressing the idea “some”
* In a negative sentence, the partitive becomes **de- PAS DE/D’!!!!!**

*Il n’achète* ***pas de*** *tarte*

* Use PAS LE/PAS L’/PAS LA/ PAS LES with verbs of likes and dislikes (aimer, préférer, adorer, détester)

*Nous n’aimons pas* ***les*** *haricots verts*

*Julie déteste* ***le*** *fromage*

* You CANNOT leave out the article in French as we do in English.

*Elle mange* ***du*** *fromage.*