

# the partitive article

je m'appelle

The partitive article in English is *some*.



In French there are four partitive articles.

**du** masculine  
**de la** feminine  
**de l'** before vowel or h  
**des** plural

avocat	<i>avocado</i>	<i>masc.</i>
beurre	<i>butter</i>	<i>masc.</i>
concombre	<i>cucumber</i>	<i>masc.</i>
crevette	<i>prawn</i>	<i>fem.</i>
fromage	<i>cheese</i>	<i>masc.</i>
jambon	<i>ham</i>	<i>masc.</i>
laitue	<i>lettuce</i>	<i>fem.</i>
mayonnaise	<i>mayonnaise</i>	<i>fem.</i>
moutarde	<i>mustard</i>	<i>fem.</i>
oeuf	<i>egg</i>	<i>masc.</i>
pain	<i>bread</i>	<i>masc.</i>
piment	<i>chili pepper</i>	<i>masc.</i>
poulet	<i>chicken</i>	<i>masc.</i>
thon	<i>tuna</i>	<i>masc.</i>
tomate	<i>tomato</i>	<i>fem.</i>

Dans mon sandwich, il y a...

du pain  
\_\_\_\_\_ beurre  
\_\_\_\_\_ moutarde  
\_\_\_\_\_ laitue  
\_\_\_\_\_ crevettes  
\_\_\_\_\_ concombre  
\_\_\_\_\_ fromage  
\_\_\_\_\_ jambon  
\_\_\_\_\_ poulet  
\_\_\_\_\_ thon  
\_\_\_\_\_ tomate  
\_\_\_\_\_ oeuf  
\_\_\_\_\_ piments  
\_\_\_\_\_ avocat  
\_\_\_\_\_ mayonnaise

## NOTES FOR THE TEACHER:

du pain  
du beurre  
de la moutarde  
de la laitue  
des crevettes  
du concombre  
du fromage  
du jambon  
du poulet  
du thon  
de la tomate  
de l' oeuf  
des piments  
de l' avocat  
de la mayonnaise

Learners fill in the correct partitive article for each sandwich filling and then draw the fillings into the available space in the sandwich.

Learners could adapt this idea to make their own sensible or silly sandwich, using a dictionary to help them to find some new words.