

## Chapter- 8

## Les Repas

## STUDY NOTES

In this chapter we will study on the topic of

- 1) Article partitif
- 2) Boire verb
- 3) Sortir verb

### Article partitif

The partitive article refers to an unspecified quantity 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.

Par exemple...

Achète des épinards. Buy some spinach.

J'ai mangé du pain hier. I ate bread yesterday.

### Characteristics of partitive articles

Used with uncountable nouns like chocolate, water, and money\*

Placed directly in front of a noun

Agree with the noun in number and sometimes gender

\* As opposed to countable nouns like bars of chocolate, glasses of water, and euros.

### French partitive articles

	Masculine	Feminine
<b>singular</b>	du, de l'	de la, de l'
<b>plural</b>	des	des

+ There are three singular articles:

Masculine: du

Feminine: de la

Contracted (m or f in front of vowel or mute h): de l'

+ There is only one plural partitive article: des.

## Boire verb

Boire may look like other verbs you've already learned. It ends in -re just like prendre (to take), comprendre (to understand), and mettre (to put). These are called irregular -re verbs,

Conjugating Boire in Present Tense

The conjugation of boire in the present tense for je, tu, and il/elle/on goes like this:

Conjugation	Pronunciation	Example	Translation
Je bois	bwa	Je bois du café.	I drink coffee.
Tu bois	bwa	Tu bois du soda.	You (singular) drink soda.
Il/elle/on boit	bwa	Elle boit de l'eau.	She drinks water.

Conjugation	Pronunciation	Example	Translation
Nous buvons	boo-VOHN	Nous buvons du thé.	We drink tea.
Vous buvez	boo-VAY	Vous buvez du vin.	You drink wine.
Ils/elles boivent	bwav	Ils boivent du jus d'orange.	They drink orange juice

## Sortir verb

In French, sortir means "to exit," "to leave," or "to go out" and it is a frequently used irregular -ir verb.

je sors  
tu sors  
il sort

However in the plural, the entire root is kept (*sort*) but typical -er endings are added:

nous sortons  
vous sortez  
ils sortent

