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COURSE NAME : 23HS404 Additional Language - French

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Unit III: Conversation about city

Topic 1 : Articles



Articles



An article is a word that modifies a noun in a particular way, by stating whether the noun is specific, unspecific, or partial. There are three types of French articles and they all agree in gender and number with the nouns they modify.



Definite / Défini



The definite article indicates that the speaker is referring to either a specific noun or to a class of nouns in a general sense. The English definite article, the, has four equivalent forms in French, depending on the gender and number of the noun as well as what letter it begins with.

The French word for “the,”

- if followed by a masculine noun, is “Le”
- if followed by a feminine noun, it is “La” and,
- when followed by any noun in the plural, it is “Les”



Definite / Défini



Singular

Plural

Masculine
Feminine
Vowel

le livre - the book
la table - the table
l'abricot - the apricot

les livres - the books
les tables - the tables
les abricots - the apricots



Indefinite / Indéfini

The indefinite article indicates that the speaker is referring to either an unspecific noun or to one/some of something. The English indefinite article has two forms, a and an, while the French has three, depending on the gender and number of the noun.

The English equivalent of des is some, which is considered an adjective rather than an article.

Here is the table for the French indefinite articles UN UNE DES:

- UN + masculine noun a / an
- UNE + feminine noun a / an
- DES + plural noun, masculine or feminine Some



Indefinite / Indéfini



Singular

Plural

Masculine
Feminine

un abricot - an apricot
une table - a table

des livres - some books
des tables - some tables



Partitive / Partitif

The partitive article indicates that the speaker is referring to only a portion or some of an uncountable noun, often food or drink. There are four forms in French, depending on the gender and number of the noun as well as what letter it begins with.

French partitive articles

- Masculine Singular - **du**
- Feminine Singular - **de la**
- Singular + a / e / i / o / u / h - **de l'**
- Plural - **des**



Partitive / Partitif

Du/des:

- *Je veux de l'eau.* I want some water.
- *J'ai acheté des pâtes.* I bought some pasta.

De/des:

- *Tu as de la chance.* You're lucky.
- *J'ai des commodes anciennes et de grandes armoires.* I have antique chests of drawers and large wardrobes.



THANK YOU - Merci!