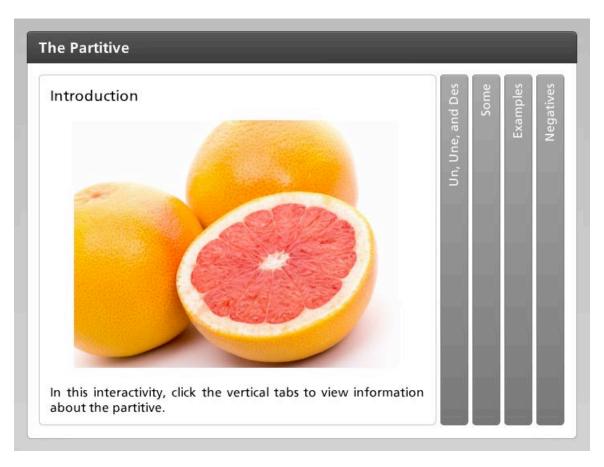
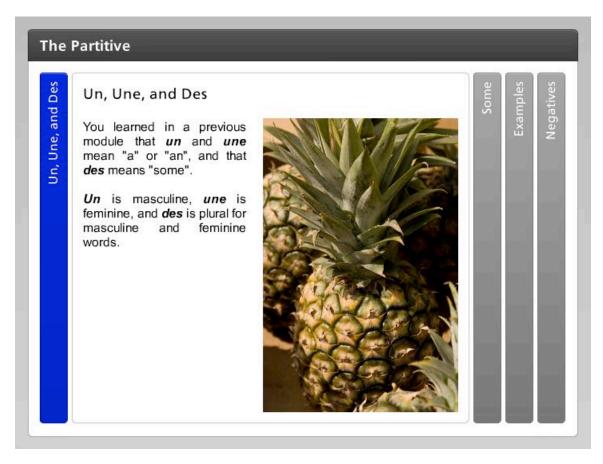
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Un, Une, and Des

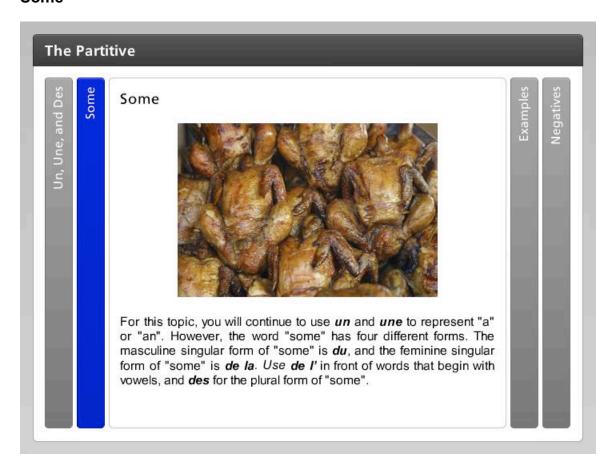


You learned in a previous module that *un* and *une* mean "a" or "an", and that *des* means "some".

Un is masculine, *une* is feminine, and *des* is plural for masculine and feminine words.



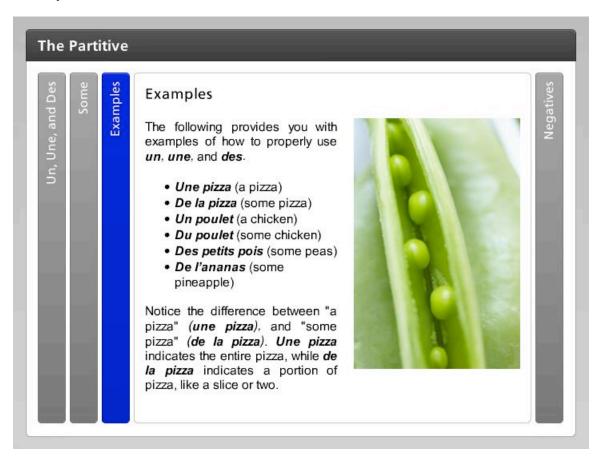
Some



For this topic, you will continue to use **un** and **une** to represent "a" or "an". However, the word "some" has four different forms. The masculine singular form of "some" is **du**, and the feminine singular form of "some" is **de la**. Use **de l'** in front of words that begin with vowels, and **des** for the plural form of "some".



Examples



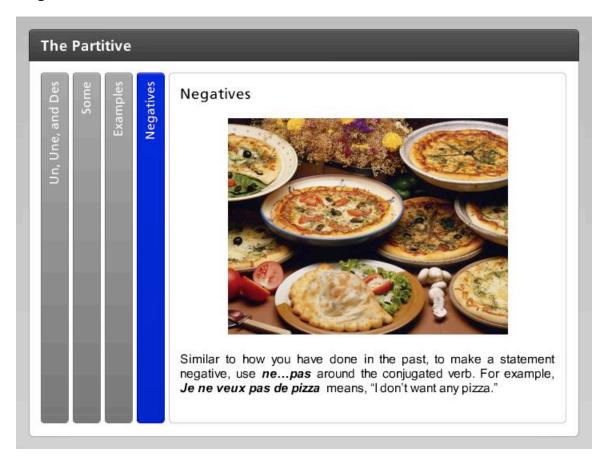
The following provides you with examples of how to properly use *un*, *une*, and *des*.

- Une pizza (a pizza)
- De la pizza (some pizza)
- Un poulet (a chicken)
- Du poulet (some chicken)
- Des petits pois (some peas)
- De l'ananas (some pineapple)

Notice the difference between "a pizza" (*une pizza*), and "some pizza" (*de la pizza*). *Une pizza* indicates the entire pizza, while *de la pizza* indicates a portion of pizza, like a slice or two.



Negatives



Similar to how you have done in the past, to make a statement negative, use *ne...pas* around the conjugated verb. For example, *Je ne veux pas de pizza* means, "I don't want any pizza."

