

FOOD PARTITIVES

A. To count or quantify an uncountable noun we use a unit of measurement - a measure word. For example, we cannot usually say "two milks" because "milk" is uncountable. So, if we want to specify a quantity of milk we use a measure word such as "carton", "bottle", "glass" ... in a structure like "two cartons of milk" or "a glass of milk". We call this structure a **partitive structure** and it indicates that only "part" of a whole thing is being referred to.

B. Partitives can also be used with countable nouns, for example *a packet of biscuits*.

C. Match the parts and label the pictures.

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| 1. a jar of | a. bread |
| 2. a bar of | b. fruit |
| 3. a carton of | c. wine |
| 4. a tin of | d. gum |
| 5. a bag of | e. chocolate |
| 6. a glass of | f. sardines |
| 7. a can of | g. cereal |
| 8. a packet of | h. milk |
| 9. a piece of | i. flour |
| 10. a jug of | j. pizza |
| 11. a cup of | k. jam |
| 12. a bottle of | l. soda |
| 13. a box of | m. cake |
| 14. a slice of | n. juice |
| 15. a bowl of | o. tea |
| 16. a loaf of | p. water |

