

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.

1. a jar of

2. a bar of

3. a carton of

4. a tin of

5. a bag of

6. a glass of

7. a can of

8. a packet of

9. a piece of

10. a jug of

11. a cup of

12. a bottle of

13. a box of

14. a slice of

15. a bowl of

16. a loaf of

a. bread

b. fruit

c. wine

d. gum

e. chocolate

f. sardines

g. cereal

h. milk

i. flour

j. pizza

k. jam

l. soda

m. cake

n. juice

o. tea

p. water

