

3 Manger et Boire

Eating and Drinking

In this unit, you will learn about:

- how to order food and drinks
- how to express your likes and dislikes
- how to ask for explanations about dishes
- **moi, toi, lui ...**
- **tu** and **vous**
- the plural of nouns and the articles **des** and **les**

Dialogue 1

Petit-dejeuner et déjeuner entre amis

Breakfast and lunch with friends

Mahy Nambiar has lunch in a snackbar with Oumar and Lucie who have been in Brussels longer than him. They opt for the value deal, which allows them to also get free fries and a can of soft drink.

Mahy: Oumar, qu'est-ce que c'est un sandwich hamburger?

Oumar: C'est une baguette pleine de viande et de salade.

Mahy: Et ça vient avec des frites?

Lucie: oui, mais il faut dire quand tu veux le frite apart!

Mahy: Les frites à part? Ca veut dire quoi?

Oumar: Normalement, c'est avec des frites dans la baguette.

Mahy: J'adore les frites, mais dedans?! Et il faut commander aussi une boisson?

Lucie: Si tu prends le meal deal, ça coûte 8 euros pour les trois.

Mahy: c'est pas du tout cher.

Lucie: Le petit-déjeuner et déjeuner en même temps!

Mahy: Oumar, what is a sandwich hamburger?
 Oumar: It's a baguette full of meat and salad.
 Mahy: And does it come with fries?
 Lucie: yes, but you need to say it if you want the fries separately!
 Mahy: Fries separately? What does that mean?
 Oumar: Normally, the fries come inside the baguette.
 Mahy: Inside?! And do I need to order a drink as well?
 Lucie: If you take the meal deal, it costs 8 euros for all 3.
 Mahy: It's not expensive at all.



Language Points

Did you notice?

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|-------------------|-------|
| des frites | fries |
| les trois | three |
| les frites | fries |

Though there are exceptions (some are given in the reference grammar), nouns in the plural usually end with 's'.

Un and une become des in the plural and le, la and V become les.

Articles

| <i>Masculine</i> | <i>Feminine</i> | <i>Plural</i> |
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| un | une | des |
| le / l' | la, l' | les |

Remember that, most of the time and unlike in English, French requires an article in front of the noun.

ça vient avec *des* frites?

Does it come with fries?

J'adore *les* frites.

I love fries.