7-7c Structure 7.3

Talking about food measured in specific quantities *Les expressions de quantité*

Quantity expressions have the following structure:

quantité + de + nom

Elle achète…	beaucoup de beurre.
	une bouteille d'eau minérale.
	un morceau de chocolat.

Il y a **trop de** sel dans la soupe.	*There is too much salt in the soup.*
Elle a **peu de** patience.	*She doesn't have much patience.*

Note that **de/d'** never becomes **des,** even if it is followed by a plural noun.

Il a beaucoup **d'**amis.	*He has many friends.*

In the metric system, liquids are usually measured in liters **(litres)** and solids in grams **(grammes)** or kilograms **(kilos).** Sometimes, packaging determines the quantity. In France, milk comes in bottles **(bouteilles)** or cartons **(packs).** The word **boîte** is used for metal cans of food and boxes of cereal. Pasta comes in packages **(paquets);** jam, mustard, and yogurt come in jars **(pots).**

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