

7-7d Structure 7.4

Avoiding repetition *Le pronom en*

En is used to replace non-count nouns, that is, nouns preceded by the partitive (**du, de la, de l', des**) or an indefinite article (**un, une, des**).

Est-ce qu'il y a des fraises dans le frigo?	<i>Are there strawberries in the fridge?</i>
Oui, il y en a.	<i>Yes there are (some).</i>
Tu veux du coca ?	<i>Do you want (some) coke?</i>
Non, je n' en veux pas.	<i>No, I don't want any.</i>

En is required in French; *of them/of it* is optional in English.

Combien de baguettes voulez-vous?	<i>How many baguettes do you want?</i>
J' en veux deux.	<i>I want two (of them).</i>
Tu as du travail à faire?	<i>Do you have work to do?</i>
Oui, j' en ai beaucoup.	<i>Yes, I have a lot (of it).</i>

Placement

En precedes the conjugated verb. In the **passé composé**, it precedes the auxiliary **avoir**.

Il y en a cinq.	<i>There are five (of them).</i>
J' en ai trop mangé!	<i>I ate too many (of them)!</i>

With the **futur proche**, **en** precedes the infinitive.

Ils vont **en acheter** une douzaine. *They'll buy a dozen (of them).*

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