

Partitives (Intermediate Level)

Partitive	Phonetic Transcription	Definition	Example Sentence	lmage
An abuse of power	ən ə <u>bju:s</u> ɒv	The wrongful use of something.	An abuse of power is very common in some governments.	
An act of courage, faith	ən ækt ɒv	Something is done, similar to action. Normally used in a positive way.	When she tried to take the gun off the man, it was a real act of courage.	
A book of matches, stamps	ə buk pv	Traditionally, a book is numerous sheets of paper bound together, but as a container, it has the same look as a book, but with different objects inside it. You can easily open and close it.	I'd like to buy 2 books of matches, please.	

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A case of the flu, measles	ə keis pv	A situation where something specific must be analysed.	I think she has a case of the measles.	12
A century of	ə <u>ระท</u> ปุ๊บri ɒv	A partitive measure for time. Equivalent to 100 years.	It's been a century of economic depression in my country.	100
A chain of restaurants, supermarkets	ə ʧeɪn ɒv	A variety of companies all run by or owned by the same management.	My father runs a chain of restaurants in Manchester.	(************************************
A crate of water, wine	ə kreɪt ɒv	A container normally made of wood in a box shape.	Shall we buy a crate of wine?	
A crime of passion	ə kraım bv	An illegal action done spontaneously and not premeditated.	He killed her in a crime of passion.	P. P
A crumb of biscuits, cake	ə kram dv	A small piece that falls away from the main object, normally something that has been baked.	There is a crumb of that biscuit on my sofa now!	-35 ²⁸
A crust of bread, pie	ə kr∧st ɒv	The solid part on the outside, normally dark brown, on something that has been baked.	I don't like to eat the crust of bread.	

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A cup of juice, water	э клр рv	A plastic container normally used to drink liquids.	Could I have a cup of water, please?	
A decade of	ə <u>dɛ</u> keɪd ɒv	A partitive measure for time. Equivalent to 10 years.	We've had a decade of war in my country.	10
A degree of similarity	ə dī gri ː ɒv	A level.	There is a degree of similarity between these two essays.	
A dollop of jam, marmalade	va qel <u>ab</u> e	An amount of liquid that is uneven and not measured.	Just put a dollop of jam on the plate.	
A dozen eggs	ə d∧ zn	A partitive measure for quantity, meaning 12. This is usually used with eggs.	Don't forget to buy a dozen eggs!	
An element of danger, truth	ən <u>El</u> Imənt Dv	One individual part of an entire thing.	I think there is an element of danger in this expedition.	
A fit of anger	ə fīt ɒv	A sudden and dramatic change in attitude or characteristics.	When I told her the truth, she had a fit of anger.	

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A flock of geese, sheep	ə fløk øv	A group of animals kept together. This is a specific partitive that can only be used with some animals.	We sat all night and watched the flock of sheep in the field.	
A fortnight of	ə <u>fo:t</u> naɪt ɒv	A partitive measure for time. Equivalent to 2 weeks.	We had a fortnight of holidays in France.	
A gallon of	ə gæ lən b v	(gal) A partitive of measure for volume. Equivalent to 3.78 litres.	We need to buy a few more gallons of petrol.	
A grain of rice, wheat	ə grein bv	An individual hard seed, normally a type of food.	A grain of rice escaped my bowl.	
A jet of water	ə dzet pv	An intense stream of liquid being pushed in one direction.	I think one of the jets of water is broken in the hot tub.	
A joint of meat	ə dzoint bv	The joint in the body is where two different parts meet together and are connected. This is usually used for meat.	Don't forget to buy a joint of beef from the butchers on the way home!	WELDER VIE
A length of rope, string	ອ ໄεŋθ ɒv	An individual section of something that has been separated from the rest of that object. Normally something you can cut.	I only want a short length of string to tie my flowers.	

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A lump of butter, coal	ə lamp dv	A small piece of something that has been separated from the rest of the object. The shape is uneven and not	I hope Santa Clause doesn't give me a lump of coal this year.	CHO CHO
A measure of	0 mc70r DV	measured.	I'd like a single measure of	a
vodka, whiskey	ə <u>mɛ</u> ʒər ɒv	A specific quantity, normally 25ml, of a liquid. This liquid is normally alcoholic.	whiskey, please.	*
A mile of	ə maɪl ɒv	(m) A partitive measure for distance. Equivalent to 1.61 kilometres.	There were miles of people waiting outside the festival.	NEXT EXIT 1MILE
A mob of	ə mad dam e	A large group of people in a small area. These people are normally angry	There was a mob of people chasing us.	
people		or stressed.		
A pair of aces, knickers, tongs	ə peər ɒv	Two things normally used together.	I won the game with a pair of aces.	
A pane of glass	ə pein Dv	An individual, flat piece of glass that has been cut into a special shape.	She broke the pane of glass in the front door.	
A piece of history, writing	ə piːs ɒv	One individual part of an entire thing.	This object is a piece of history.	

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A pinch of salt	ə pint pv	The quantity of an object lifted between your thumb and finger.	Only add a pinch of salt to this recipe.	Salt
A pint of	ə paint ɒv	(pt) A partitive measure for volume. Equivalent to 0.47 litres.	I'd like a pint of beer.	
A plea of innocence, silence	ə pli: ɒv	Asking for something. Asking in a very sincere and honest way.	The man asked for a plea of innocence. He didn't do anything wrong.	200
A pot of coffee, tea	ə pat av	A container, usually ceramic, used to store food or drink.	I'll make a pot of tea for everybody.	
A rasher of bacon	ə <u>ræ</u> ∫ər ¤v	A very thin slice of bacon.	Flo would like 3 rashers of bacon with her eggs.	
A sack of onions, potatoes	ə sæk pv	A large bag made of strong material used to store food.	I think there is a sack of potatoes in the car boot.	
A scrap of difference, evidence	ə skræp b v	A very small quantity.	There is only a scrap of difference between these light bulbs.	

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A series of appointments, meetings	ə <u>sıə</u> riːz ɒv	A group of the same thing happening in succession, one after another.	I have a busy morning with a series of meetings.	
A set of dentures, cutlery, tyres	ə s ɛ t ɒv	A collection of objects that all have the same purpose or are exactly the same.	My mother gave me a beautiful set of cutlery.	
A sprinkling of dust, sugar	ə <u>spriŋ</u> kliŋ ɒv	Dropping small pieces of something on top of another thing.	We just put a sprinkling of icing sugar on top of the cake.	
A state of emergency	ə steit pv	A situation.	After the hurricane, the prime minister declared a state of emergency.	
A strand of hair, spaghetti	ə strænd ɒv	A very thin fibre, such as hair, wire, rope or cable.	I found a strand of your hair on my coat.	
A string of pearls	ə striŋ ɒv	A piece of rope or thread that holds lots of things on it, usually like a necklace.	You have the most beautiful string of pearls around your neck.	
A stroke of genius, luck	ə strəŭk ɒv	An unexpected and spontaneous event.	It was so unexpected to see you again, but a stroke of good luck, especially after you offered me a job!	

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A tub of margarine, water	ə tab pv	A very large container, usually round, used to store things.	Don't forget to buy me a tub of margarine!	
A wedge of cake, lemon	e weds ov	A triangular piece of something that has been separated from the rest of the object.	I only want a small wedge of cake.	