French

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- Using il y a (there is/are) and il y a (ago)
- Using movable adjectives





Phonétique





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malade



mal



sac







Vocabulaire



venir de	to have just done
fêter	to celebrate
se pacser	to become civil partners
offrir un cadeau à	to offer a present to
anniversaire	birthday/anniversary
félicitations	congratulations
j'ai reçu	I received
je suis né(e)	I was born
une fête	a party/celebration
un cadeau	a present







Grammaire

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Using il y a

Il y a is a French expression which means 'there is, there are' and 'ago'

Il y a un cadeau



= **there is** one present

Il y a trois ans



= Three years **ago**





Il y a = there is, there are



Il y a is most commonly used as 'there is, there are'

II y a un cadeau



Il y a une fête



II y a des cadeaux



Il y a is followed by a word to show how many items there are.

This is likely to be un / une / des







When followed by a period of time, il y a means 'ago'

Il y a cinq mois, j'ai fêté mon anniversaire



= five months **ago,** I celebrated my birthday

Il y a deux ans, je suis allé (e) au mariage de ma sœur



= two years **ago,** I went to my sister's wedding

When il y a means **'ago'**, it goes before the number of days, months, years etc





Grammaire

- Using movable adjectives: mon dernier anniversaire vs la semaine dernière





French movable adjectives - mon dernier anniversaire vs la semaine dernière

A number of adjectives, including *dernier* can change meaning, depending on whether they go before or after the noun.

mon dernier anniversaire



= my last (most recent) birthday la semaine dernière



= last week





French movable adjectives - mon dernier anniversaire

When the adjective comes **before** the noun, the meaning is the last in a series of events / the last ever / the most recent

mon dernier anniversaire



= my last (most recent) birthday ma dernière fête



= my last (most recent) party







French movable adjectives - la semaine dernière

When the adjective comes after the noun, the meaning is literal

la semaine dernière



= last week

le mois dernier



= last month





Congratulations [2/2]

1. The two meanings of <i>il y a</i> are	There is/are and ago
2. Il y a six mois =	Six months ago
3. Il y a une fête =	There is a party/celebration
4. Mon dernier anniversaire means	My last birthday
5. La semaine dernière means	Last week

