

- French HAVE an age and use there + to have
- Visit is 3 different verbs in French- “visiter/rendre visite à/ aller à”

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## Etre ou avoir ?

Mistake - Quand j'étais 18 ans / Il y était beaucoup de trafic à Paris

- If in English you use the verb to be to tell your age, know that French aren't an age; they “have” an age.
- The same way, French don't say there was or there were, they say there 'had'

French way – Quand j'avais 18 ans / Il y avait beaucoup de trafic à Paris

## Visiter et rendre visite

While in English you can use “to visit” for both places and people, in French it is quite different and you will have to know which of “visiter” or “rendre visite” to choose.

In French you only “visites”:

- Un pays / une region / une ville
- Un monument



But you “rends visite à”

- Une personne

“Rendre visite” is always followed by the preposition “à”:

- Je rends visite à mon grand-père (or even - je vais voir mon grand-père)
- Ils rendent visite aux (à + les) enfants

### Last but not least

In English, if you “go” or “visit” the cinema, the restaurant, the hairdresser... French just “go”

On va au restaurant ce soir  
Je vais chez le coiffeur demain

~~On visite le restaurant ce soir  
Je vais visiter le coiffeur demain~~

