

Common Errors
Composition 1
FR 1110

1.	Il y a vs. C'est	Il y a = There is/There are C'est = This is/it is Il y a un livre. There is a book. C'est un livre. It is a book
2.	Je porte	I am wearing = Je porte (No verb <i>être</i> here!) I wear = Je porte I do wear = Je porte = ONE form in French
3.	un, une, des vs. le, la, les	Il y a un étudiant. L'étudiant est blond. There is a student. The (That) student is blond.
4.	Je m'appelle	Je m'appelle John. My name is John. Elle s'appelle Jill. Her name is Jill. Il s'appelle Paul. His name is Paul. Note that there is no verb <i>être</i> (<i>suis, est</i>) in French for that expression.
5.	Colors	Always placed after the noun. une jupe bleue, un blouson orange, des chemises vertes.
6.	un pantalon	Singular in French. Je porte un pantalon. I am wearing pants.
7.	américain, américaine	As an adjective, lowercase. As a noun, uppercase Do not forget the "i" and the accent. Un étudiant américain. An American student. Un Américain. An American (person).
8.	et vs. est	et = and est = is (verb) Note "y" means "and" in Spanish, not in French.