

LESSON 7: THE “Y”

In spoken French, the “y” is used as a pronoun and also as a contraction for “il y a”. It can be heard in a number of expressions.

Note: It is used differently depending upon the person’s accent.

On the way to the dentist:

- It’s good that you’re finally **going**. You’ve been sore for months.
- **Nothing more to do** than to hope that it’s nothing serious. And that I won’t **spend** more than a month’s rent! Those places can quickly cost a lot.
- Have you considered **going** more often? Once a year is good.
- I will **think about it**. You’ll see.
- Yes, obviously, **you’re going there** at the last minute! It’s not surprising that they can’t see you right away!
- **There it is**, you’re going to lecture me now. Everyone is lecturing me right now, **including** my 12-year old cousin. **I can’t help it** if I don’t like to go to the dentist. That’s just the way it is.
- **I don’t understand a thing** about how you live: You’ve been suffering for 3 months. And you’re always whining: “owww it hurts” and you refuse to make an appointment. **I don’t know much about** medicine, but being in pain for 3 months is not normal!
- **Go ahead**, keep bringing it up...I promise you that I’ll go to the dentist for a check-up each year, starting next year.
- **I don’t believe it** for a minute.

In the waiting room:

- I'm scared

- Oh stop it buddy, **when you have to go, you have to go!**