

Punctuation:

Robert Whiting, an elderly US gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. "You have been to France before?" Monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France ^{previously} before. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The American said, "The last time, I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible! Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France," sneered the customs officer. The American senior gave the Frenchman a long, hard look, then he quietly explained "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach, at 4:40 AM, on D-Day in 1944, to help liberate your country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show passport to...." You could have heard a pin drop.