

# **SEE WATCH LOOK AT**



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words correctly!  
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# 1.

# See

I see a black car in front of the hotel.



# See

**Verb** - to become aware of somebody/something by using your eyes

Verb forms

*present simple* I / you / we / they **see**

he / she / it **sees**

*past simple* **saw**

*past participle* **seen**

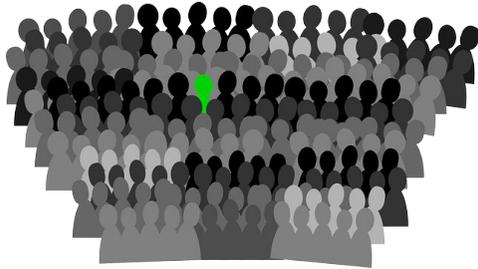


*See* is automatic, you do it naturally. If something is close to you, you can *see* it without trying. It just happens.



“I see a black car in front of the hotel.”  
(The past tense of **see** is **saw**.)

“Last night I saw a black car in front of the hotel.”



“One person in the group is green.  
I can see him easily.”

\*In English conversation it is very natural to use **see** for **questions** about movies and sports events even though we **watch** them.

(read the *watch* section below)

“Did you **see** the game last night?” “Have you **seen** the new Superman movie yet?”



\*In English conversation we sometimes use **see** to mean *meet*.

“I **saw** Sam last week at the gym. He told me he got a new job.” = I *met* Sam at the gym...

“That’s cool. I’m going to **see** Sam tomorrow night. He wants to talk about going fishing.” = I plan to *meet* Sam tomorrow...

# 2.

# Watch

Let's watch the  
baseball game  
tonight!



# **Watch**

**Verb** - to look at somebody/something for a time, paying attention to what happens

Verb forms

*present simple* I / you / we / they **watch**

he / she / it **watches**

*past simple* **watched**

*past participle* **watched**



*Watch* means you try to see something, but *watch* is for a longer time. You focus in one direction for a longer time. Usually we are looking at things that are moving.  
We *watch* TV or we *watch* a movie.



“Let’s go to the stadium and watch the baseball game tonight!”  
\*With sports events you focus on one area for a long time.



# 3.

# Look At

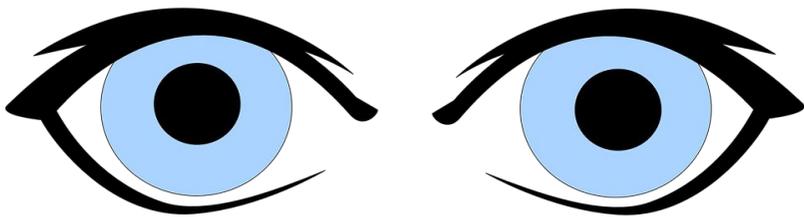
I *looked at* your X-ray. I'm afraid your foot is broken.



## ***Look at***

**Phrasal verb** - to examine something closely

“Look at means you try to see something, focus.  
Look at is just for a short time.



**Look at this!!!**  
**What happened!!!**

“I looked at your X-ray.  
I’m afraid your foot is  
broken.”



= I focused on your X-ray (for a short time) and unfortunately (I can see) your foot is broken.

If you want someone’s attention in English we often use the expression: “Hey look at this!”



“Look at my new  
smartphone!” =  
Focus on my  
smartphone.  
Check it out!



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