

SEE WATCH LOOK AT



Learn to use these English
words correctly!
Don't confuse them any more!

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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**

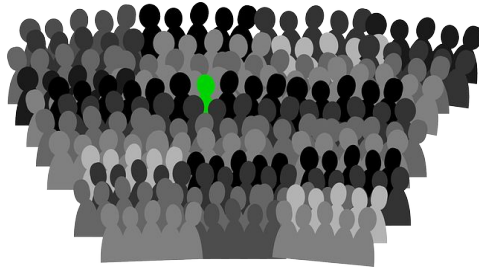


See is automatic, you do it naturally. If something is close to you, you can *see* it without trying. It just happens.



“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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