32 I can **describe the senses**

A Seeing and hearing

Example	Meaning
Look[1] carefully, and you **can see** the bridge over the river. From here it **looks**[2] very small.	**look**[1] turn your eyes to sth and pay attention to it. **see** know or notice sth using your eyes. **look**[2] seem from what you can see.
We **watched** TV for an hour.	**watch sth** look at sth for some time to see what happens.
He **appears**[1] to be very happy. A dog **appeared**[2] from behind a tree.	**appear**[1] seem. **appear**[2] If sth **appears**, you suddenly begin to see it. OPP **disappear**.
The children **stared at** the man with the long red hair.	**stare at sb/sth** look at sb/sth for a long time without moving your eyes.
Jay always **notices** what I'm wearing. He's very **observant**.	**notice sth** see sth and be aware of it. **observant** good at noticing things.
He **glanced at** me and smiled.	**glance at sb/sth** look quickly at sb/sth.
A **I can hear** something. B It **sounds like** a child crying.	**hear sth** receive sounds with your ears without trying. **sound like sth** make a noise that is like sth.
She **listens** to the radio a lot.	**listen** pay attention to sth you hear, often for a long time.
I **overheard** them in the bank.	**overhear sb** hear other people's conversation by accident.
I'm sorry. I didn't quite **catch** what you said.	**catch sth** hear or understand what sb is saying; usually used when you *don't* hear or understand sth.

spotlight ***can* + sense verbs**

We don't use **see**, **hear**, **smell**, or **taste** in the continuous tenses; we often use **can** (as in the examples above).
*I **can see** two boats in this photo.* (NOT ~~*I **see***~~ or ~~*I'm **seeing***~~ *two boats.*)

1 Circle the correct answer.

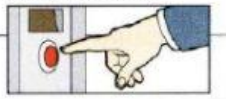
- ▶ Can you hear/listen to that noise?
1. Did you notice/watch the colour of her eyes?
2. I can't see/look at anything from here.
3. Don't look/watch behind you.
4. How long did you see/watch TV for?
5. I glanced at/stared Julia.
6. I see/can see something in your eye.
7. I overheard/caught a funny story on the bus.
8. What can you listen/hear?

2 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- ▶ When I told them, I noticed that they both looked very surprised.
1. She said her name but I'm afraid I didn't ..... what it was.
2. I ..... hear a bird singing. It ..... like a blackbird.
3. Why is that man ..... at me? Have I done something wrong?
4. I spoke to him about the exam. He doesn't ..... to be nervous.
5. Did you see Nadia last night? I thought she ..... ill.
6. I ..... at my watch and realized it was time to go.
7. Sally always notices if I change my hairstyle. She's very ..... .
8. A minute ago she was here, then she ..... . I don't know where she is now.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Smelling, tasting, and touching

Word	Example	Meaning
smell sth	I can **smell** lunch ...	notice or recognize sth using your nose.
smell like sth	... it **smells like** fish.	have a smell like the smell of sth / sth else.
stink INF	This towel **stinks.** I must wash it.	have a horrible smell.
flavour	They sell 30 **flavours** of ice cream.	the sensation of sth in your mouth (e.g. *a chocolate/strawberry **flavour***).
taste	Try this wine. It **tastes** very strange.	have a particular flavour.
salty	The soup is very **salty.**	having the taste of or containing a lot of salt.
bland	This cheese is quite **bland**.	without much flavour.
touch sth	When I **touched** the back wall . . .	put your fingers on sth.
feel **feel like sth**	... it **felt** a bit **damp** (= a little wet).	give a sensation of or like sth when touched (e.g. *it **feels** hot, it **feels like** wood*).
press sth	If you **press** that button, you get a ticket.	put your hand or finger on sth firmly. 
grab sth	He **grabbed** my mobile and ran off.	take sth with a sudden movement.
tap sb/sth	Someone **tapped** me on the arm.	touch sb/sth quickly with your hands or feet.
rub sth	I **rubbed** the book with a soft cloth to get the dirt off.	move your hand firmly backwards and forwards over the surface of sth.

4 Replace the underlined phrase with a single word that has the same meaning.

▶ Most cities such as London have a traffic problem. like

1 This blanket has a horrible smell. .....

2 My towel still feels a little wet. .....

3 The soup is without much flavour. .....

4 The film was similar to his others. .....

5 I put my hand on the radiator and it felt cold. .....

6 She moved her hand firmly over her leg. .....

spotlight ***like***

Like can mean 'similar to' and it can mean 'such as':
*This flower smells **like** honey.* (The flower has a smell similar to that of honey.)
*Some people **like** Maggie live alone.* (Maggie is one example.)

5 Complete the sentences.

▶ You don't need salt. It's already very salty.

1 The persimmon is a strange fruit. It looks ..... a tomato but doesn't taste ..... one.

2 They were both ..... their feet to the music.

3 ..... the button if you want the receptionist to come.

4 Be careful – don't ..... the door. The paint is still wet.

5 He ..... me on the shoulder and asked me to move my head.

6 The policeman ..... the thief's arm and pushed him to the ground.

7 When I came downstairs, I could ..... the steak frying; it was wonderful.

8 You had ice cream, didn't you? What ..... did you have? ~ Strawberry, but it didn't ..... like strawberry.

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