

43) see

1 know or notice sth with your eyes:

Can you see that church over there?



2 find out about sth by looking, asking, etc:

I'll see what time the train leaves.



3 visit or spend time with sb:

I went to see my parents at the weekend.



see
pt saw pp seen

4 watch a film / TV programme / game:

I saw a film at the cinema.



5 understand sth:

Do you see what I mean?



SPOTLIGHT see and watch

When you **see** something, you know about it with your eyes.

■ *Can you see that bird in the tree? (NOT watch)*

When you **watch** something, you look at it for a long time.

■ *We watched a spider for about 15 minutes. (NOT saw)*

You can **see** or **watch** a film, TV programme or game.

■ *I saw/watched a football match in the park yesterday.*

1 Write down the meaning (1–5) of **see** in each of the sentences.

- I saw them at the show last night. 1
- 1 I can't see the road from here.
- 2 Martin wants to see if he can buy tickets for the concert.
- 3 I want to see the new Spielberg film.
- 4 We're going to see friends this evening.

- 5 I may go, but it depends on the weather.
- ~ OK. I see.
- 6 It was so dark I couldn't see.
- 7 Did you see the news on TV?
- 8 I can't see why he wants to leave his job.

2 Underline the correct verb. Be careful: both verbs are correct in two of the sentences.

- Come and **see** / **watch** us for coffee next week.
- 1 I looked for Will, but I couldn't **see** / **watch** him.
- 2 The police know where the criminal lives, so they're going to **see** / **watch** his house.
- 3 Did you **see** / **watch** that new detective series on TV?
- 4 I must **see** / **watch** how much the tickets cost.

- 5 I have to **see** / **watch** the children carefully when they're in the street.
- 6 When are you going to **see** / **watch** the doctor?
- 7 I **saw** / **watched** in the paper that they're building a new theatre.
- 8 We **saw** / **watched** a great basketball game on Saturday.

3 Complete the questions with the correct form of **see** or **watch** or either.

- Can you **see** any trees from where you live?
- 1 Can you very well without glasses? Why? / Why not?
- 2 Do you ever your father when he's working?
- 3 Are there some programmes on TV that you always ? If so, what?
- 4 What was the last TV programme you ?
- 5 How often do you your best friend?
- 6 How often do you your parents?
- 7 Can you why **get** is a difficult verb for students learning English?

ABOUT YOU

Yes, I can see lots. We're opposite a park.

4 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions in Exercise 3, or ask another student.



TEST YOURSELF