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. I
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.

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