

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.



- 4 watch a film / TV programme / game:

I **saw** a film at the cinema.



- 5 understand sth:

Do you **see** what I mean?



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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 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