

47) The five senses



SENSE	EXAMPLE	MEANING
SIGHT	<i>Look carefully and you can see the bridge over the river.</i>	look turn your eyes to sth and pay attention to it see know or notice sth using your eyes
	<i>I often watch the birds from the bridge.</i>	watch pay attention to sth for some time
HEARING	<i>I can hear something outside.</i>	When you hear sth, sounds come to your ears.
	<i>I listened to the news this morning.</i>	When you listen, you are trying to hear sth.
	<i>Jason sounded angry this morning.</i>	sound seem in a certain way when you hear sth
SMELL	<i>I can smell something strange.</i>	smell notice sth using your nose
TASTE	<i>This cake really tastes of coffee.</i>	taste have a particular flavour
	<i>Jo tasted the cheese.</i>	taste eat or drink a little of sth to test its flavour
TOUCH	<i>When I touched the back wall, it felt a bit wet.</i>	touch put your hand or fingers on sth feel used for saying how sth seems to you when you touch, see, smell or experience it
	<i>Feel this material.</i>	
	<i>Press the button and wait.</i> 	press push sth to make a machine work / a bell ring

COMMON CONSTRUCTIONS

VERB + adjective

I thought Sarah looked sad.

The boys sounded pleased when they rang me.

This soup smells horrible.

VERB + like + noun

Simon looks like his brother.

This music sounds like Bach.

Nectarines taste like peaches.

VERB + as if /as though + clause

There are lots of dark clouds. It looks as if it's going to rain.

I spoke to Alex yesterday. He sounded as though he's enjoying university.

SENSE VERBS AS NOUNS: *look, sound and taste*

I liked the look of the cottage. = the appearance of it

I love the sound of birds singing.

I don't like the taste of garlic.

SPOTLIGHT *can* + sense verbs

We don't use *see, hear, smell* or *taste* in the continuous tenses. We often use *can* with sense verbs.

▪ *I can see several boats in this photo. (NOT I'm seeing several boats.)*

▪ *I can't hear what they're saying. (NOT I don't hear...)*

1 Circle the correct verb.

► She told me to look at / see the board and pay attention.

1 What programmes do you hear / listen to on the radio?

2 What can you smell / smell like?

3 What can you hear / listen to at the moment?

4 What does your mobile phone ringtone sound / sound like?

5 If you put your hand out, can you feel / touch another person?

6 Just press / feel the bell, and somebody should come and help us.

7 What can you see / look at from where you are sitting?

8 Put your hand on your shoes. How do they touch / feel?

9 What programmes do you usually watch / look at on TV?

10 When you buy a new jumper, do you always feel / press it first?

2 Complete the sentences with a suitable verb.

► This soup tastes horrible. There's too much salt in it.

1 You have to the switch, and the machine will start working.

2 I hear a bird singing. It like a blackbird.

3 Why is that man at me? Have I done something wrong?

4 Please don't the door: the paint is still wet.

5 Did you see Nadia last night? I thought she ill.

6 I didn't know what the fruit was, so I a bit. It was delicious.

7 I was trying to to the music, but lots of people were talking.

8 Can you something burning? It must be the toast.

9 Marco as if he's walked 20 kilometres.

10 My head very hot. I think I've got a temperature.

3 Complete the sentences with a suitable sense verb and suitable adjective.

► Molly was happy to take the exam. She sounded confident.

1 I washed the floor this morning but it already

2 He was awake most of the night, and when he spoke he

3 The jam because I put a lot of sugar in it.

4 When I put my T-shirt on, it

5 When I took the cups out of the dishwasher, they didn't

6 They hadn't turned on the heating, so the room

7 I think bread when it has just come out of the oven.

8 Liam explained exactly how to do it, and it

4 Use *like* or *as if* / *though*, then complete each sentence in a logical way.

► Why is the man holding out his hand? ~ Not sure, but it looks as if he wants money

1 Did you hear that crash? ~ Yes, it sounds

2 What's that woman doing on the floor? ~ It looks

3 Can you hear those men shouting at each other? ~ Yes. It sounds

4 The team are playing very badly. ~ I know. It looks

5 Simon has a plan for the party. ~ Yes, and it sounds

6 What's that man doing on the bridge? ~ I don't know, but it looks

5 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions, or ask another student.

1 Do you look like your parents?

2 Do you have brothers or sisters that look like you?

3 Do you often look as if you're bored?

4 Do you usually sound as though you're very confident about things?

5 Do you often feel nervous?

6 Do you like the taste of garlic?

7 Do you like the smell of fried fish?

8 Do you feel positive about your future?



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