

Verbs of Senses & Adjectives

Language focus

- These words are the five basic verbs of senses.
- They are Stative Verbs = Non Action Verbs.
- We don't usually use verbs of senses in the continuous (-ing) form.
- We can use verbs of senses to form different sentence patterns.

1. Verb of Senses + Object + Verb...ing

I smell something burning.

She sees him playing in the garden.

Verb of senses: smell / see

Object: something / him

Verbs...ing: burning / playing

2. Verb of Senses + Noun

I hear some noise downstairs.

He sees a fish in the pond.

Verb of senses: hear / see

Noun: some noise / a fish

3. When we want to show what feeling and impression something / someone gives, we can use an adjective after the verb of senses.

This shirt looks pretty.

I The shirt gives people the impression of prettiness.

The music sounds sweet.

I The music gives people a sweet feeling.

A. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences as in the example.



E.g. see / dance

I see the girl dancing.

1.



(hear / sing)

She _____.

2.



(feel / move)

Peter _____.

3.



(feel / shake)

They _____.

4.



(smell / burn)

They _____.

5.



(hear / cry)

We all _____.

6.



(see / play football)

She _____.

B. Put a tick in the boxes next to the correct sentences.

1. ☐ That woman **is seeing** the man climbing the wall.
☐ That woman **sees** the man climbing the wall.
2. ☐ He sees his sister **sitting** under the tree.
☐ He sees his sister **sits** under the tree.
3. ☐ She can hear the soup **boiling**.
☐ She can hear the soup **boils**.
4. ☐ I **feel** someone poking my back.
☐ I **am feeling** someone poking my back.
5. ☐ Mr. Wong sees his son **leaves** his room.
☐ Mr. Wong sees his son **leaving** his room.
6. ☐ He **hears** the children singing.
☐ He **is hearing** the children singing now.

7. ☐ She smells something burning.
☐ She smells something is burning.
8. ☐ The teachers are seeing the students playing basketball.
☐ The teachers see the students playing basketball.
9. ☐ They feel the bridge shaking.
☐ They feel the bridge is shaking.
10. ☐ I hear my phone is ringing.
☐ I hear my phone ringing.

C. Fill in the blanks with the suitable verbs of senses and adjectives.

looks tired look ill looks pretty feel cold tastes good
tastes sour sound alike smell stinky sounds great smells nice

1. I like this soap as it _____.
2. Little John keeps eating the cake because it _____.
3. She _____. She needs a good rest.
4. This orange _____. I don't like it!
5. I _____. Please turn off the fan.
6. Your skirt _____. Where did you buy this?
7. Your idea _____. You are very clever!
8. Your socks _____. Wash them now!
9. You _____. Maybe you should go and see the doctor.
10. 'Pen' and 'pan' _____.

