

See, Look At and Watch (1 Answers)

See: When we **see** something, it's generally a passive/natural thing. When we open our eyes we **see** things or notice things

I saw a car accident. (I looked up just when the accident happened.)

***See** is also used for things that don't change. (movies, plays, etc.)

*A certain movie is always that movie. It doesn't change.

*Have you **seen** the Lion King musical? It's fabulous!*

Look (at): When we **look at** something, it is our effort, intention or plan to *see* it. It's like we are studying or concentrating on the thing.

*I love **looking at** art at museums. // **Look at** that strange man!*

Watch: When we **watch** something, we *look at* it for a longer period of time. It's often something that moves or changes as we *look*.

*Joe **watched** the kids play in the park. // I love **watching** TV dramas.*

****Special case: Watch out and look out** both mean to be careful

Watch/Look out!! There's some broken glass over there!

1. I stood outside at the park and **watched** the clowns perform for over an hour.
2. John, come here and **look at** this awesome futuristic car!
3. Because of my bad seats, I could barely **see** the band on the tiny stage.
4. I **see** a lot of homeless people during my morning jogs along the river.
5. I went to the theater and **saw** that new movie. It was so boring that I fell asleep. It was like **watching** paint dry.
6. I **looked at** the poster for 10 minutes, but still couldn't **see** the hidden picture everyone told me about. They all said they could **see** it!
7. My eyes are terrible!! I can't even **see** that street sign over there.
8. In Hawaii, we took a whale- **watching** cruise. I'd never **seen** whales before.
9. I had the mechanic **look at** my engine to try and find the problem.
10. We used to love **watching** the sunsets on the ocean at night from our balcony, but they built a new tall building and we can't **see** them anymore.
11. I can't stop **looking at** Kim! She's the most gorgeous girl I've ever **seen** !
12. If you happen to **see** Jim at the party, tell him I said to call me. ASAP!
13. I love sitting in Starbuck's and **watching/looking at** the people walk past.
14. Would you **look at** this mess you made!! Clean it up now!
15. How are you? I haven't **seen** you for so long! I was **looking at** some old photos of us, and you really haven't changed!
16. People walking with their smartphones don't **watch/look** where they are going. They only **look at** their phone screens!
17. I went to the party, but I didn't **see** anyone I knew, so I left.
18. We tried to **see** the new movie in the IMAX theater, but it was sold out.
I guess we'll have to wait and **watch** it on TV in a few months.
19. Every time I **look at** that painting of the old, old man, it feels like he's also **looking at** me too. It's spooky.
20. If you **see** a penny, pick it up and all day long you'll have good luck!