

See, look at, watch, and Hear, listen to

INVOLUNTARY ACTIONS

SEE (I'm not blind. I can see)

Please, move! I **can't see**!

(I **can't see** the whiteboard and I need to copy the lesson plan!)

A: Let's take a picture of the group! Pepe, I **can't see** you! Move to the front!

B: **Can you see** me now?

A: Yes, perfect! Now, everybody, say "Cheese"!

It's dangerous to drive when you **can't see** properly!

Metaphorically, in a conversation, to indicate you are listening...

I see. (Ya / Sí / Entiendo / Ah, ya veo)

HEAR

(I'm not deaf. I **can hear**)

Can you speak up, please? I **can't hear**!

Can you speak a bit louder, please? I **can't hear**.

Can you turn the volume up a bit, please? We **can't hear**.

Did you hear the news? Isa and Marta are going to have a baby!

When you hear your name say "It's me"! / When I call your name say "It's me"!

When you hear the beep, please, leave a message.

VOLUNTARY ACTIONS

LOOK (AT) & LISTEN (TO)

Look at me / that kitty! – direct your attention to me / to that kitty

/ **Don't look at** me! You're making me nervous!

Listen to me! – pay attention to me! / **Don't listen to** them!

LOOK AT PHOTOS & PICTURES

What are you doing? **We're looking at** some photos.

What are you doing? **We're looking at** this amazing painting by Leonora Carrington.

LOOK AT PEOPLE

Who are you looking at? I'm **looking at** those children in the park. (I'm just looking.)

WATCH TV

What **are you watching?** I'm **watching** a very interesting programme / program. It's a neuroscience documentary!

LISTEN TO

What/Who are you listening to?

I'm listening to Miles Davis. It's the album called "Sketches of Spain"

You are not listening to me!

Are you listening to me?

She is listening to her audio CDs now. Don't interrupt her!

LOOKING AT PEOPLE OR WATCHING PEOPLE?

Look at me! – direct your attention to me

/ **Don't look at** me! You're making me nervous!

Watch me! – pay attention to me! I'm going to do something interesting!

/ **Don't look at** me!

What are you doing?

I'm looking at those children in the park. (I'm just looking.)

But notice the difference here:

A: What are you doing?

B: **I'm watching** those children in the park. (I'm paying close attention.)

A: Why? (If you use "watch", people will be curious because it means "paying close attention")

B: Because I want to know why they are laughing!

The Police **is watching** my neighbour. He is a wanted criminal in Britain.