



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 67 – see somebody do and
see somebody doing

tienganh



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SEE SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING

A

Tom got into his car and drove off . You saw this.

You can say:

- I saw Tom get into his car and drive off.

We say **'I saw him do something'** (= he did it and I saw this). In the same way, you can say:

hear

listen to **somebody do something**

watch **something happen**

feel



- EX1: I didn't **hear you come** in. (you came in – I didn't hear this)
- EX2 Lisa suddenly **felt somebody touch** her on the shoulder.

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SEE SOMEBODY DOING SOMETHING

B

Yesterday you saw Kate. She was waiting for a bus. You can say:

- I saw Kate waiting for a bus.

We say **'I saw her doing something'** (= she was doing it and I saw this). In the same way, you can say:

hear

listen to

watch somebody doing something

feel something happening

smell

find



- EX3: I could **hear** it **raining**.
(it was raining – I could hear it)
- EX4: **Listen to** the birds **singing**!
- EX5: Can you **smell** something **burning**?
- EX6: We looked for Paul and finally we **found** him **sitting** under a tree eating an apple.

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SEE SOMEBODY DO v.s SEE SOMEBODY DOING SOMETHING

C

- ❖ **I saw him do something = he did something and I saw this.**
I saw the **complete action** from start to finish:
 - EX7: He jumped over the wall and ran away. I saw this.
→ I **saw** him **jump** over the wall and run away.
 - EX8: They went out. I heard this.
→ I **heard** them **go** out.
- ❖ **I saw him doing something = he was doing something and I saw this.**
I saw him **in the middle of doing** something (not from start to finish):
 - EX9: I saw Tom as I drove past in my car. He was walking along the street.
→ I **saw** Tom **walking** along the street.
 - EX10: I heard them. They were talking.
→ I **heard** them **talking**.
- ❖ **Sometimes the difference is not important and you can use either form:**
 - EX11: I've never **seen** her **dance**. or I've never **seen** her **dancing**.

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BÀI TẬP NHANH

Select the best answer.

The bus stopped at the bus stop but I didn't see anybody _____ off .

- A. getting
- B. get**
- C. to get
- D. got

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TÓM TẮT

1. Để diễn tả ý “**tôi thấy ai đó làm việc gì**” và việc đó là một hành động đã hoàn tất trong quá khứ, chúng ta dùng cấu trúc “**see somebody do something,**” lưu ý động từ theo sau “**see**” ở dạng nguyên mẫu không “**to**” - *I saw him jump over the wall and run away.*
2. Để diễn tả ý “**tôi thấy ai đó đang làm việc gì**” và khi tôi thấy, người đó đang trong quá trình thực hiện hành động đó, nó chưa kết thúc, chúng ta dùng cấu trúc “**see somebody doing something,**” lưu ý động từ theo sau “**see**” ở dạng “**V-ing**” - *I saw Tom walking along the street.*
3. Tương tự như vậy, chúng ta cũng có thể dùng 2 cấu trúc trên với các động từ khác thay cho “**see**”: **hear, listen to, watch, feel, smell, find** - *Can you smell something burning?*