



## ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 67 – see somebody do and see somebody doing



#### SEE SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING

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

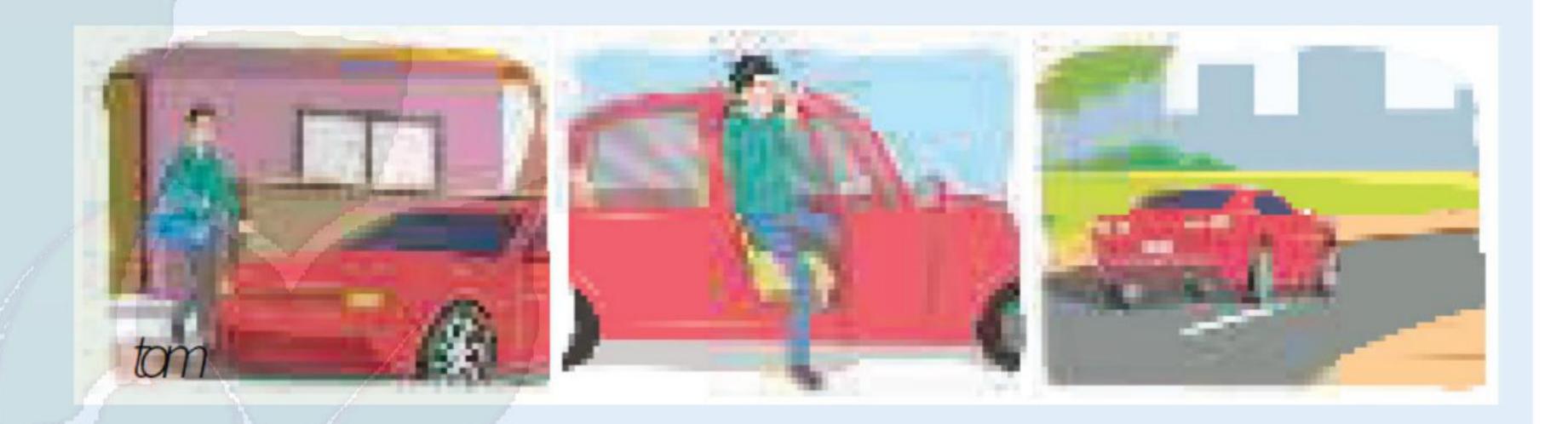
I saw Tom get into his car and drive off.

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.



#### SEE SOMEBODY DOING SOMETHING

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:

listen to
watch somebody doing something
feel something happening
smell



- 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.

find



#### SEE SOMEBODY DO v.s SEE SOMEBODY DOING SOMETHING

❖ 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.

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.



### 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



### 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?