

Verbs of Perception

1. Read about verbs of perception.

A. We use verbs of perception to talk about things that we see, hear, taste, feel, and smell. Some common verbs of perception are:

see	hear	feel	smell
notice			
discover			
find			

B. Verbs of perception are often used in sentences like this one:

We smelled cookies baking.



C. Notice the pattern:

verb of perception (*smelled*) + someone or something (*cookies*) + the *-ing* form of a verb (*baking*)

The verb in its ***-ing*** form describes an action that is in progress. (The cookies were already baking when we smelled them.)

2. **Underline the verbs of perception in the sentences on the next page. Then complete the sentences with verbs from the list below. Write each verb in its *-ing* form.**

bake
bark
burn
crawl

flash
hide
land

leak
sing
take off

1. What woke you up?

I heard the neighbor's dog _____ *barking* _____.

2. How did you know you were getting close to the airport?

I saw planes _____ and _____.

3. Why did you run into the kitchen?

I smelled the rice _____.

4. What woke you up this morning?

I heard birds _____ outside my window.

5. Did you enjoy the picnic?

Well, I was enjoying it until I felt ants _____ up my leg.

6. Why did you slow down?

I noticed red lights _____ ahead.

7. Where was the kitten?

I found it _____ under our porch.

8. Why do you always get hungry when you walk down that street?

I smell pizza _____ in the Italian restaurant.

9. What was wrong with your car?

The mechanic discovered oil _____ from the engine.

3. Write your own sentence in this pattern: *verb of perception + someone or something + the -ing form of a verb.*

Answer Key

1. barking
2. taking off / landing
3. burning
4. singing
5. crawling
6. flashing
7. hiding
8. baking
9. leaking