

## see

## I

[si:] *n* *церк.*

1. епархия
2. престол
3. чин епископа
4. папство
  - ◇ the Holy See, the See of Rome - папский престол

## II

[si:] *v* (*saw; seen*)

## I

1. видеть
  - to see well [poorly] - видеть хорошо [плохо]
  - cats see well at night - кошки хорошо видят ночью /в темноте/
  - he can't see - он не видит, он слепой
  - I can't see as far as that - я на таком далёком расстоянии не вижу
  - to see nothing - ничего не видеть
  - I looked but saw nothing - я посмотрел, но ничего не увидел

## 2. 1) смотреть, видеть

- to see a play [a film] - смотреть пьесу [фильм]
- I saw this him last year - я видел этот фильм в прошлом году
- I saw an interesting story the other day - на днях мне попался на глаза интересный рассказ
- have you seen today's paper? - вы видели сегодняшнюю газету?
- did you see about her death in the paper? - вы читали извещение о её смерти в газетах?
- let me see that letter - покажите мне это письмо, разрешите взглянуть на это письмо
- to see smth. with one's own eyes - видеть что-л. собственными глазами
- all this took place in the street, where all could see - всё это произошло на улице на глазах у всех
- he is not fit to be seen - он в таком виде, что не может показаться на людях
- what sort of man is he to see? - какой он на вид?
- see, here he comes! - смотри /видишь/, вот он идёт!

## 2) справляться, смотреть

- see page four - смотри страницу 4
- see (as) above - смотри выше
- see also - смотри также (*частная ссылка*)

## 3. представлять себе

- I can't see you old - не могу представить себе вас старым
- to see everything black - видеть всё в чёрном свете
- to see things wrong - неправильно судить о чём-л.
- to see things as they are - правильно смотреть на вещи
- I don't see it in this light - я смотрю на это иначе
- as I see it - как мне это представляется /кажется/

## 4. находить, обнаруживать

- I can see no faults in him - я не вижу /не нахожу/ в нём никаких недостатков
- I see no alternative /no way out/ - я не вижу иного пути /выхода/
- I don't know what you can see in her - я не знаю, что вы в ней находите
- to see oneself in one's children - узнавать себя в своих детях

## 5. понимать, сознавать

- to see a joke [the meaning, a point in discussion] - понимать шутку [смысл, суть спора]
- he can't see a joke - он не понимает шуток, у него нет чувства юмора
- I see what you mean - я понимаю, что ты имеешь в виду /что ты хочешь сказать/
- I see what you are driving at - я понимаю, к чему вы клоните
- I see it to be a fraud - я считаю это мошенничеством
- now do you see? - теперь вам понятно?
- I see! - понимаю!, ясно!
- see? - *разг.* понятно?
- that is easy to see - это легко /нетрудно/ понять
- don't /can't/ you see I'm tired? - ты не понимаешь, что я устал?
- I see no reason why we should despair - не вижу причины для отчаяния
- it's like this, you see - видите ли, дело обстоит так
- I see that you have changed your mind - я вижу, что вы передумали
- this is how I see it - вот как я на это смотрю
- see what you've done! - посмотри, что ты наделал!
- see what courage can do! - вот что значит мужество!
- to see for oneself - убедиться (*в чём-л.*) самому
- go and see for yourself if you don't believe me - если вы мне не верите, пойдите убедитесь сами
- I can't see the good of it! - к чему это?
- not to see the use [the good, the advantage] of doing smth. - сомневаться в целесообразности [в пользе, в преимуществе] чего-л.
- I don't see the good of getting angry - не стоит сердиться

I don't see the use of crying - бесполезно плакать; напрасно (вы) плачете

**6. испытывать, переживать (что-л.); сталкиваться (с чем-л.)**

he has seen a good deal in his (long) life - он немало повидал /испытал/ на своём веку

I never saw such rudeness - я никогда не сталкивался с такой грубостью

I have seen war at close quarters - я на себе испытал, что такое война

he first saw fire at Berlin - он получил боевое крещение под Берлином

to have seen better days - а) знать лучшие времена; обеднеть; б) поизноситься, поистрепаться, потерять свежесть (о вещи)

this coat of mine has seen hard wear - моё пальто порядком поизносилось

the nineteenth century saw the rise of our literature - девятнадцатый век был свидетелем расцвета нашей литературы

this place has seen many changes - здесь произошло много перемен

**7. видеться, встречаться**

he sees a great deal of the Smiths - он часто бывает у Смитов

he is much seen in society - он много бывает в обществе

we see less of him in winter - зимой мы его реже видим

I haven't seen you for /in/ ages - я вас не видел целую вечность

when shall I see you again? - когда мы опять встретимся?

see you on Thursday! - до четверга!

I shall see you again soon, **амер.** I'll be seeing you - до скорой встречи

**8. узнавать; выяснять**

see who it is - посмотри /узнай/, кто это

see if the postman has come - посмотрите /узнайте/, не пришёл ли почтальон

I don't know but I'll see - я не знаю, но я пойду и выясню

see if you can get an evening paper - походи узнай, нельзя ли достать вечернюю газету

I see in the papers that ... - из газет я узнал /в газетах пишут/, что ...

**9. обдумывать**

I'll see what can be done - я подумаю /посмотрю/, что можно сделать

see what you can do - подумайте, что можно сделать

will you come to dinner tomorrow? - Well, I'll see - вы придёте завтра обедать? - Я подумаю /Может быть, там видно будет/

well, we'll see - посмотрим, подумаем, там видно будет

that remains to be seen, we shall see - (это) ещё неизвестно, время покажет

let me see - постойте, подождите, дайте подумать

let me see, what was I saying? - подождите /постойте/, о чём это я говорил?

now, then, let's see - ну (ладно), теперь посмотрим

**10. осматривать, освидетельствовать (тж. see over)**

to see a flat before taking it - осмотреть квартиру прежде, чем переехать в неё

we want to see over the house - мы хотим осмотреть этот дом

to have smb. see one's work - попросить кого-л. посмотреть работу

I want you to see my new coat - я хочу, чтобы вы посмотрели моё новое пальто

the doctor ought to see him at once - доктор должен сейчас же его осмотреть

**11. редк. допускать, разрешать**

you cannot see your sister starve without trying to help her - вы ведь не допустите, чтобы ваша сестра голодала, и попытаетесь помочь ей

**12. карт. принимать вызов**

**II А**

**1. осматривать (достопримечательности)**

to see the sights [the town] - осматривать достопримечательности [достопримечательности города]

Americans manage to see Oxford in a few hours - американцы ухитряются осмотреть Оксфорд за несколько часов

**2. 1) обращаться (за советом, консультацией и т. п.)**

to see a doctor [a lawyer] - обращаться (за советом) к врачу [к юристу]

you ought to see a doctor immediately - вам бы следовало немедленно обратиться к /показаться/ врачу

I must see a lawyer about filing my suit - мне нужно посоветоваться с юристом о передаче дела в суд

I wanted to see you on business - я хотел поговорить /посоветоваться/ с вами по делу

see him about the book - поговори с ним насчёт этой книги

**2) принимать, быть на приёме (по делу и т. п.)**

to manage to see an official - добиться приёма у чиновника

to refuse to see smb. - отказаться принять кого-л.

the rector can't see anyone today - сегодня ректор никого не принимает

she can't be seen now - сейчас её нельзя видеть

**3. амер. предоставлять (слово)**

I see Mr. Brown - слово предоставляется господину Брауну

**II Б**

**1. to see about smth. позаботиться, подумать о чём-л.; проследить, присмотреть за чем-л.**

to see about a house [dinner] - позаботиться о жилье [об обеде]

I must see about a new curtain for this room - мне нужно подумать о новой шторе для этой комнаты

who will see about the tickets? - кто позаботится о билетах?

I'll see about it - а) я этим займусь, это я беру на себя; б) я подумаю /посмотрю/

he promised to see about the matter - он обещал заняться этим вопросом

**2. to see to smth., smb. следить, присматривать за чем-л., кем-л., заботиться о чём-л., ком-л.**

to see to the house - следить за домом, вести домашнее хозяйство

to see to the children - присматривать за детьми

we will see to everything - мы обо всём позаботимся

to see to the business - позаботиться о деле

I'll see to the tickets - а) я займусь билетами б) я возьму на себя расходы, я оплачу билеты

I shall see to it - я этим займусь, я это беру на себя

to see to all the locks and doors - проверить все замки и двери

next morning he came in to see to Martha - на следующее утро он зашёл, чтобы присмотреть за Мартой

### 3. to see after smb., smth.

1) ухаживать, присматривать за кем-л., чем-л.

I am going to see after the children - я присмотрю за детьми

who will see after the house when you are gone? - кто присмотрит за домом, когда вы уедете?

2) заботиться о ком-л., чём-л.

to see after one's own [smb.'s] interests - заботиться о своих [о чьих-л.] интересах

### 4. to see about doing smth. проследить за тем, чтобы что-л. было сделано

to see about packing [ordering a car] - позаботиться о том, чтобы вещи были уложены [чтобы заказать машину]

you must see about getting him a coat - вы должны позаботиться, чтобы у него было пальто

### 5. to see smb. to some place провожать, сопровождать кого-л. куда-л.

to see smb. home [to the door, as far as the station] - провожать кого-л. домой [до двери, до станции]

let me see you home - разрешите проводить вас домой

to see smb. into a train [on board a ship] - посадить кого-л. на поезд [на пароход]

### 6. to see into smth.

1) изучать что-л.; разбираться в чём-л.

to see into a matter [an affair] - изучать какой-л. вопрос [какое-л. дело]

the lawyer will see into your claim - юрист рассмотрит ваш иск

2) всматриваться, проникать взором во что-л.

to try and see into the future - пытаться предугадать будущее

to see into smb.'s motives - разгадать чьи-л. замыслы

### 7. to see (to it) that посмотреть, проследить за тем, чтобы что-л. было сделано

see to it that the things are packed by three o'clock - посмотри за тем, чтобы всё было уложено к 3 часам

you must see to it that the children are fed properly - вам следует позаботиться о том, чтобы детей хорошо кормили

I'll see (to it) that nothing goes wrong [that nothing has been neglected] - я позабочусь, чтобы всё было в порядке [чтобы ничего не забыли]

see that he comes in time - позаботьтесь, чтобы он пришёл вовремя

you will see that he has all he needs - вы должны позаботиться, чтобы у него было всё необходимое

### 8. to see smth. done сделать что-л., постараться, чтобы что-л. было сделано

to see smth. rebuilt [changed] - перестроить [изменить] что-л.

the house that I should like to see rebuilt - дом, который мне хотелось бы перестроить

### 9. to go /to come, to call/ and see smb., to go /to come, to call/ to see smb. навещать кого-л., приходить к кому-л.

go and see him - зайди к нему, навести его

come up and see me some time - загляни ко мне когда-нибудь

he called to see us - он пришёл к нам в гости

### 10. to see across smth. переводить, провожать (через улицу и т. п.)

ask a grown-up person to see you across the road - попроси кого-нибудь из взрослых перевести тебя через улицу



see here! - **амер.** послушай(те)!

wait and see! - увидите!, вы ещё увидите!

see and don't do it - смотри не делай этого

see and don't miss the train - смотри не опоздай на поезд

as far as I can see, from what I can see - по моим соображениям, как мне представляется

to see life /the world/ - а) приобрести жизненный опыт; б) **сл.** веселиться, кутить

to see visions - быть ясновидящим /провидцем/

to see the back of smb. - отделаться от кого-л.; избавиться от чьего-л. присутствия

to see the last of smth., smb. - покончить с чем-л., с кем-л., отделаться от чего-л., от кого-л.

I shall be glad to see the last of this job - я буду рад отделаться от этой работы

I hope we have seen the last of him - надеюсь, что мы от него отделались

to see no further than one's nose - не видеть дальше своего носа

to see through a brick wall - видеть насквозь; ≅ видеть на три аршина в землю

to see one's way to do /doing/ smth. - видеть возможность сделать что-л.

can't see my way to get the book - не вижу возможности /не знаю, как/ достать эту книгу

he will never see forty again - ему уже давно перевалило за сорок

see you in church - **амер. сл.** до скорого!, пока!

(he) saw you coming - ≅ простофиля за версту виден

to see things - галлюцинировать

to see smb. about his business - прогнать /вышвырнуть/ кого-л., избавиться от кого-л.

to see through a glass darkly **см.** darkly 5

## see

**see** [see sees saw seeing seen] **verb, noun** BrE [si:]<sup>u</sup> NAmE [si:]<sup>u</sup>  
**verb** (saw BrE [sɔ:]<sup>u</sup>; NAmE [sɔ:]<sup>u</sup> seen BrE [si:ŋ]<sup>u</sup>; NAmE [si:ŋ] )

## USE EYES

- 1. transitive, intransitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) **to become aware of sb/sth by using your eyes**
  - ~ **(sb/sth)** She looked for him but couldn't see him in the crowd.
  - I looked out of the window but saw nothing.
  - The opera was the place to **see and be seen** (= by other important or fashionable people) .
  - ~ **(that)**... He could see (that) she had been crying.
  - ~ **what, how, etc...** Did you see what happened?
  - If you watch carefully, you'll see how it is done.
  - ~ **sb/sth + adj.** I hate to see you unhappy.
  - ~ **sb/sth doing sth** She was seen running away from the scene of the crime.
  - ~ **sb/sth do sth** I saw you put the key in your pocket.
  - **sb/sth is seen to do sth** He was seen to enter the building about the time the crime was committed.
- 2. intransitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) **to have or use the power of sight**
  - She will never see again (= she has become blind) .
  - On a clear day you **can see** for miles from here.
  - ~ **to do sth** It was getting dark and I **couldn't see** to read.

## WATCH

- 3. transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** **to watch a game, television programme, performance, etc**
  - Did you see that programme on Brazil last night?
  - In the evening we went to see a movie.
  - Fifty thousand people saw the match.

## LOOK UP INFORMATION

- 4. transitive** (used in orders) ~ **sth** **to look at sth in order to find information**
  - See page 158.

## MEET BY CHANCE

- 5. transitive ~ sb** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) **to be near and recognize sb; to meet sb by chance**
  - Guess who I saw at the party last night!

## VISIT

- 6. transitive ~ sb** **to visit sb**
  - Come and see us again soon.

## HAVE MEETING

- 7. transitive ~ sb (about sth)** **to have a meeting with sb**
  - You ought to see a doctor about that cough.
  - What is it you want to see me about?
  - I can only see you for five minutes.

## SPEND TIME

- 8. transitive** (often used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sb** **to spend time with sb**
  - **Are you seeing anyone** (= having a romantic relationship with anyone) ?
  - They've been **seeing a lot of each other** (= spending a lot of time together) recently.

## UNDERSTAND

- 9. intransitive, transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) **to understand sth**
  - 'It opens like this.' 'Oh, **I see** .'
  - ~ **sth** He didn't see the joke.
  - I don't think she **saw the point** of the story.
  - I can see both sides of the argument.
  - Make Lydia **see reason** (= be sensible) , will you?
  - ~ **(that)**... **Can't you see** (that) he's taking advantage of you?
  - I **don't see that it matters** what Josh thinks.
  - ~ **what, why, etc...** 'It's broken.' 'Oh yes, **I see what you mean** .'
  - 'Can we go swimming?' ' **I don't see why not** (= yes, you can) .'
  - **be seen to do sth** The government not only has to do something, it must **be seen to be doing something** (= people must be aware that it is doing sth) .

## HAVE OPINION

- 10. transitive ~ sth + adv./prep.** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) **to have an opinion of sth**
  - I **see things** differently now.
  - Try to see things from her point of view.
  - Lack of money is the main problem, **as I see it** (= in my opinion) .
  - **The way I see it** , you have three main problems.

## IMAGINE

- 11. transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) **to consider sth as a future possibility; to imagine sb/sth as sth**
  - ~ **sb/sth doing sth** I can't see her changing her mind.

- ~ **sb/sth as sth** His colleagues see him as a future director.

## FIND OUT

- 12. intransitive, transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) to find out sth by looking, asking or waiting
- 'Has the mail come yet?' 'I'll just go and see.'
  - 'Is he going to get better?' 'I don't know, we'll just have to **wait and see**.'
  - We'll have a great time, **you'll see**.
  - ~ **what, how, etc...** Go and see what the kids are doing, will you?
  - We'll have to **see how it goes**.
  - ~ **(that)...** I see (that) interest rates are going up again.
  - **it is seen that... It can be seen that** certain groups are more at risk than others.
- 13. intransitive, transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) to find out or decide sth by thinking or considering
- 'Will you be able to help us?' 'I don't know, I'll have to see.'
  - 'Can I go to the party?' ' **We'll see** (= I'll decide later) .
  - ~ **what, whether, etc...** I'll **see what I can do** to help.

## MAKE SURE

- 14. transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses) ~ **that...** to make sure that you do sth or that sth is done
- See that all the doors are locked before you leave.
  - Could you see that the kids are in bed by 8 o'clock?

## EXPERIENCE

- 15. transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to experience or suffer sth
- He has seen a great deal in his long life.
  - I hope I never live to **see the day** when computers finally replace books.
  - It didn't surprise her— she **had seen it all before** .

## WITNESS EVENT

- 16. transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to be the time when an event happens
- Next year sees the centenary of Mahler's death.
- 17. transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sth** to be the place where an event happens

**Syn:** †witness

- This stadium has seen many thrilling football games.

## HELP

- 18. transitive** ~ **sb + adv./prep.** to go with sb to help or protect them
- I saw the old lady across (= helped her cross) the road.
  - May I **see you home** (= go with you as far as your house) ?
  - My secretary will **see you out** (= show you the way out of the building) .

**Rem:** Most idioms containing see are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example not see the wood for the trees is at wood.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	see
	BrE /sɪ:/
	NAmE /si:/
he / she / it	sees
	BrE /si:z/
	NAmE /si:z/
past simple	saw
	BrE /sɔ:/
	NAmE /sɔ:/
past participle	seen
	BrE /si:n/
	NAmE /si:n/
-ing form	seeing
	BrE /'si:ɪŋ/
	NAmE /'si:ɪŋ/

Word Origin:

- v. and Old English sēon Germanic Dutch zien German **sehen** Indo-European Latin **sequi** 'follow'
- n. Middle English Anglo-Norman French **sed** Latin **sedes** 'seat' **sedere** 'sit'

Thesaurus:

**see verb**

- 1. T** (not used in the progressive tenses)

- Did you see what happened?

**notice** • **spot** • **catch** • **take sth in** • **note** • **detect** • **witness** • |**formal observe** • **perceive** • |**written glimpse** • **sight** •

see/notice/note/detect/observe/perceive **that...**

see/notice/note/spot/detect/observe/perceive **how/what/where /who...**

see/notice/witness/observe **sth happen/sb do sth**

**suddenly** see/notice/spot/catch/detect/perceive/glimpse sb/sth

- 2. T** (not used in the progressive tenses)

• We went to see a movie.

**watch** • |formal **view** • |especially AmE, informal **catch** •

see/watch/view/catch a **film/movie/show/programme**

see/watch/catch a **match/game/fight**

### 3. T

• You should see a doctor.

**visit** • • **go to sth** • • **consult** •

see/visit/consult a/the **doctor/dentist**

**come/go and/to** see/visit sb

### 4. T (used especially in the progressive tenses)

• Are you seeing anyone at the moment?

**go out** • |especially AmE **date** • |especially spoken **be together** • |old-fashioned **court** • • **woo** •

**See, go out with sb or date?** These expressions are all commonly used in the progressive tenses with time expressions such as **how long, for three months**, etc. This suggests a temporary relationship that may or may not become permanent.

### 5. I, T (not used in the progressive tenses) (especially spoken)

• Oh yes, I see what you mean.

**understand** • • **grasp** • • **follow** • |informal, especially spoken **get** • • **catch on** • |formal **comprehend** •

see/follow/understand/grasp/get/catch on to/comprehend **what/why/how...**

see/understand/grasp/comprehend **that...**

**can/can't** see/follow/understand/grasp/comprehend sth

be **easy/difficult/hard** to see/follow/understand/grasp/comprehend

### 6. T (not used in the progressive tenses)

• Try to see it from her point of view.

**look at sth** • • **consider** • • **view** • |formal **regard** •

see/look at/consider/view/regard sb/sth **as** sth

see/look at/consider/view/regard sb/sth **from** a particular point of view

see/look at/view/regard sb/sth **with** sth

### 7. T (not used in the progressive tenses)

• I can't see her changing her mind.

**imagine** • • **picture** • • **visualize** • • **envision** • |especially BrE **envisage** • |formal **conceptualize** •

see/imagine/picture/visualize/envision/envisage/conceptualize sb/sth **as** sth

see/imagine/picture/visualize/envision/envisage (sb) **doing sth**

see/imagine/picture/visualize/envision/envisage **who/what/how...**

## Synonyms:

### imagine

think • see • envisage • envision

These words all mean to form an idea in your mind of what sb/sth might be like.

**imagine** • to form an idea in your mind of what sb/sth might be like: ▫ The house was just as she had imagined it.

**think** • to imagine sth that might happen or might have happened: ▫ We couldn't think where you'd gone. ◇ ▫ Just think ▫ — this time tomorrow we'll be lying on a beach.

**see** • to consider sth as a future possibility; to imagine sb as sth: ▫ I can't see her changing her mind. ◇ ▫ His colleagues see him as a future director.

**envisage** • (especially BrE) to imagine what will happen in the future: ▫ I don't envisage working with him again.

The usual word for this in American English is **envision** (see below).

**envision** • to imagine what a situation will be like in the future, especially a situation that you intend to work towards: ▫ They envision an equal society, free from poverty and disease.

**Envision** is used especially in business and political contexts. In North American English it is also used as another form of the word **envisage**: ▫ I don't envision working with him again.

to imagine/see/envisage/envision sb/sth **as** sth

to imagine/see/envisage/envision (sb) **doing sth**

to imagine/think/see/envisage/envision **who/what/how...**

to imagine/think/envisage/envision **that...**

## Synonyms:

### look

watch • see • view • observe

These words all mean to turn your eyes in a particular direction.

**look** • to turn your eyes in a particular direction: ▫ If you look carefully you can just see our house from here. ◇ ▫ She ▫ looked at ▫ me and smiled.

**watch** • to look at sb/sth for a time, paying attention to what happens: ▫ to watch television ◇ ▫ Watch what I do, then you try.

**see** • to watch a game, television programme, performance, etc.: ▫ In the evening we went to see a movie.

**view** • (formal) to look at sth, especially when you look carefully; to watch television, a film/movie, etc.: ▫ People came from all over the world to view her work.

### watch, see or view?

You can **see/view** a **film/movie/programme** but you cannot: see/view television. **View** is more formal than **see** and is used especially in business contexts.

**observe** • (formal) to watch sb/sth carefully, especially to learn more about them or it: ▫ The patients were observed over a period of several months.

to look/watch **for** sb/sth

to watch/observe **what/who/how...**

to look/watch/view/observe (sb/sth) **with** amazement/surprise/disapproval etc.

to watch/see/view a **film/movie/show/programme**

to watch/see a **match/game/fight**

to look (at sb/sth)/watch (sb/sth)/observe sb/sth **carefully/closely**

### Synonyms:

#### **regard**

call • find • consider • see • view

These words all mean to think about sb/sth in a particular way.

**regard** • to think of sb/sth in a particular way: ▫ He seemed to regard the whole thing as a joke.

**call** • to say that sb/sth has particular qualities or characteristics: ▫ I wouldn't call German an easy language.

**find** • to have a particular feeling or opinion about sth: ▫ You may find your illness hard to accept.

**consider** • to think of sb/sth in a particular way: ▫ Who do you consider (to be) responsible for the accident?

#### **regard or consider?**

These two words have the same meaning, but they are used in different patterns and structures. In this meaning **consider** must be used with a complement or clause: you can **consider sb/sth to be sth** or **consider sb/sth as sth**, although very often the **to be** or **as** is left out: ▫ He considers himself an expert. ◊ ▫ They are considered a high-risk group. You can also **consider that sb/sth is sth** and again, the **that** can be left out. **Regard** is used in a narrower range of structures. The most frequent structure is **regard sb/sth as sth**; the **as** cannot be left out: I regard him a close friend. You cannot regard sb/sth to be sth or regard that sb/sth is sth. However, **regard** (but not **consider** in this meaning) can also be used without a noun or adjective complement but with just an object and adverb (**sb/sth is highly regarded**) or adverbial phrase (**regard sb/sth with suspicion/jealousy/admiration**).

**see** • to have an opinion of sth: ▫ Try to see things from her point of view.

**view** • to think of sb/sth in a particular way: ▫ How do you view your position within the company?

**View** has the same meaning as **regard** and **consider** but is slightly less frequent and slightly less formal. The main structures are **view sb/sth as sb/sth** (you cannot leave out the **as**) and **view sb/sth with sth**.

to regard/consider/see/view sb/sth **as** sth

to regard/consider/see/view sb/sth **from** a particular point of view

to find/consider sb/sth **to be** sth

**generally/usually** regarded/considered/seen/viewed as sth

to regard/consider/view sb/sth **favourably/unfavourably**

### Synonyms:

#### **see**

spot • catch • glimpse

These words all mean to become aware of sb/sth by using your eyes, especially suddenly or when it is not easy to see them/it.

**see** • to become aware of sb/sth by using your eyes: ▫ She looked for him but couldn't see him in the crowd. ◊ ▫ He could see (that) she had been crying.

**spot** • to see or notice sb/sth, especially suddenly or when they are not easy to see or notice: ▫ I've just spotted a mistake on the front cover.

**catch** • to see or notice sth for a moment, but not clearly or completely: ▫ She caught sight of a car in the distance. ◊ ▫ He caught a glimpse of himself in the mirror.

**glimpse** • (*literary*) to see sb/sth for a moment, but not clearly or completely: ▫ He'd glimpsed her through the window as he passed.

to see/spot **that/how/what/where/who...**

to **suddenly** see/spot/catch/glimpse sb/sth

### Synonyms:

#### **understand**

see • get • follow • grasp • comprehend

These words all mean to know or realize sth, for example why sth happens, how sth works or what sth means.

**understand** • to know or realize the meaning of words, a language, what sb says, etc; to know or realize how or why sth happens, how it works or why it is important: ▫ I don't understand the instructions. ◊ ▫ Doctors still don't understand much about the disease.

**see** • to understand what is happening, what sb is saying, how sth works or how important sth is: ▫ 'It opens like this.' 'Oh, I see.' ◊ ▫ Oh yes, I see what you mean.

**get** • (*informal*) to understand a joke, what sb is trying to tell you, or a situation that they are trying to describe: ▫ She didn't get the joke. ◊ ▫ I don't get you.

**follow** • to understand an explanation, a story or the meaning of sth: ▫ Sorry—I don't quite follow. ◊ ▫ The plot is almost impossible to follow.

**grasp** • to come to understand a fact, an idea or how to do sth: ▫ They failed to grasp the importance of his words.

#### **understand or grasp?**

You can use **understand** or **grasp** for the action of realizing the meaning or importance of sth for the first time: ▫ It's a difficult concept for children to understand/grasp. Only **understand** can be used to talk about languages, words or writing: I don't grasp French/the instructions.

**comprehend** • (often used in negative statements) (*formal*) to understand a fact, idea or reason: ▫ The concept of infinity is almost impossible for the human mind to comprehend.

to understand/see/get/follow/grasp/comprehend **what/why/how...**

to understand/see/grasp/comprehend **that...**

to understand/see/get/grasp **the point/idea** (of sth)

to be **easy/difficult/hard** to understand/see/follow/grasp/comprehend

to **fully** understand/see/grasp/comprehend sth

Example Bank:

- 'Has the post come yet?' 'I'll just go and see.'
- 'Is he going to get better?' 'I don't know, we'll just have to wait and see.'
- A dolphin? Oh, let me see!
- Aren't you pleased to see me?
- Can't you see the joke?
- Don't worry, I'll see you home.
- Economists expect to see the trend continue.
- He came over to see me after my surgery.
- He came over to see what was going on.
- He didn't live to see his grandchildren.
- He saw first-hand the impact of colonialism.
- He turned and saw her smile.
- He was surprised to see Lucy standing there.
- I can see why you were so angry about it.
- I can't see the point of doing that.
- I can't wait to see his face!
- I could hardly see because of the smoke.
- I could see the boat clearly now.
- I don't see why she should get more money than the others.
- I fail to see how this idea will help anyone.
- I finally got to see them in concert.
- I know it's hard to believe but I saw it with my own eyes.
- I looked up, only to see Tommy chatting to someone.
- I never thought I'd live to see this day!
- I want to see how they'll react.
- I went to see a movie.
- I'd love to see her win the gold medal.
- I'm glad to see that you're keeping well.
- I'm here to see Lisa Daniels.
- It is difficult to see how to get around this problem.
- It's nice to see the children playing together.
- Let me see the evidence!
- Let's see what happens.
- Logan came around to see me about a job.
- She claims that she can see into the future.
- She turned to see who it was.
- She went to see the doctor about it.
- She's gone to see the mechanic about getting her car repaired.
- The star is bright enough to see with the naked eye.
- This problem is commonly seen in young adults.
- Veronica came to see him in prison.
- We could just see the hotel in the distance.
- We expect to see an increase of 50–60%.
- We'll have to wait to see if sales hold up.
- You can see at a glance if all is well.
- 'It opens like this.' 'Oh, I see.'
- Can't you see that he's taking advantage of you?
- Come and see us again soon!
- Did you see that documentary about Brazil last night?
- Fifty thousand people saw the game.
- He doesn't see how important this is.
- He said he'd been to see his sister.
- I can't see her changing her mind.
- I don't quite see what he's getting at.
- I don't see that it matters what he thinks.
- I don't think she saw the point of the story.
- I've come to see Ben.
- If you watch carefully, you'll see how it is done.
- Lack of money is the main problem, as I see it.
- Oh yes, I see what you mean.
- She looked for him but couldn't see him in the crowd.
- The opera was the place to see and be seen.
- The way I see it, you have three main problems.
- When was the last time you saw a dentist?

- You see, she only heard about the plan yesterday.
- You should go and see a doctor.

**Idioms:** ↑for all to see ▪ ↑let me see see ▪ ↑see for yourself ▪ ↑see somebody for what they it is ▪ ↑see something coming ▪ ↑see you ▪ ↑see you later ▪ ↑seeing that ... ▪ seeing you ▪ ↑you see

**Derived** ↑see about something ▪ ↑see over something ▪ ↑see somebody off ▪ ↑see somebody out ▪ ↑see somebody through ▪ ↑see somebody through something ▪ ↑see something in somebody ▪ ↑see something out ▪ ↑see something through ▪ ↑see through somebody ▪ ↑see to it that ... ▪ ↑see to something

**noun (formal)**

the district or office of a ↑bishop or an ↑archbishop

- the Holy See (= the office of the Pope )

**Word Origin:**

**v.** and Old English sēon Germanic Dutch zien German sehen Indo-European Latin sequi 'follow'

**n.** Middle English Anglo-Norman French sed Latin sedes 'seat' sedere 'sit'

**See also:** ↑seeing as ...

**see**

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**I. see**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /siː BrE ˈ siː AmE ˈ siː verb (past tense saw /sɔː/\$ səʊ/, past participle seen /siːn/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: seon]

**1. NOTICE/EXAMINE** [transitive not in progressive] to notice or examine someone or something, using your eyes:

- The moment we saw the house, we knew we wanted to buy it.
- He crouched down so he couldn't be seen.
- Can I see your ticket, please?
- I saw the offer advertised in the newspaper.

**can/can't see**

- You can see the Houses of Parliament from here.

**see where/what/who etc**

- Can you see where the marks are on the wall?

**see (that)**

- He saw that she was crying.

**see somebody/something do something**

- I saw him leave a few minutes ago.

**see somebody/something doing something**

- The suspect was seen entering the building.
- As you can see, the house needs some work doing on it.
- Have you seen Chris (=do you know where he is)?
- The accommodation was so awful it had to be seen to be believed (=you would not believe it if you did not see it yourself).

**2. NOTICE SOMETHING IS TRUE** [transitive not in progressive] to notice that something is happening or that something is true:

- More money must be invested if we are to see an improvement in services.
- After a month's practice, you should see a difference in your playing.
- Seeing his distress, Louise put her arm around him.
- I would like to see changes in the way the course is run.
- 'You're not denying it, I see,' he said coldly.

**see (that)**

- I can see you're not very happy with the situation.

**3. ABILITY TO SEE** [intransitive, transitive not in progressive] to be able to use your eyes to look at things and know what they are

**can/can't see**

- From the tower, you can see for miles.
- I can't see a thing without my glasses.

**not see to do something**

- His eyes are so bad that he can't see to read anymore.

**4. FIND OUT INFORMATION** [intransitive and transitive] to find out information or a fact

**see what/how/when etc**

- I'll call him and see how the job interview went.
- She went outside to see what was happening.

**see if/whether**

- I've just come to see if you want to go out for a drink.
- These chocolates are gorgeous. Try some and see for yourself (=find out if it is true).
- By looking at this leaflet, you can see at a glance (=find out very easily) how much a loan will cost.

**it can be seen that/we can see that**

- From this graph, it can be seen that some people are more susceptible to the disease.
- As we have seen in chapter four, women's pay is generally less than men's.

**5. IN THE FUTURE** [intransitive and transitive] to find out about something in the future

**see if/whether**

- It will be interesting to see if he makes it into the team.

**see how/what/when etc**

I might come – I'll see how I feel tomorrow.

Let's try it and see what happens.

'Can we go to the zoo, Dad?' 'We'll see.' (=used when you do not want to make a decision immediately)

'How long can you stay?' 'I'll have to see.' It depends (=used when you cannot make a decision immediately).

We'll just have to wait and see.

**see how it goes/see how things go** (=used when you are going to do something and will deal with problems if they happen)

I don't know. We'll just have to see how it goes on Sunday.

Things will work out, you'll see (=you will find out that I am right).

**6. WHERE INFORMATION IS** [transitive only in imperative] *especially written* used to tell you where you can find information:

See p. 58.

See press for details.

**see above/below**

The results are shown in Table 7a (see below).

**7. UNDERSTAND** [intransitive and transitive] to understand or realize something

**see why/what/how etc**

I can't see why he's so upset.

I see what you mean (=I understand what you are saying).

'He lives here but works in London during the week.' 'Oh, I see (=I understand).'

You see, the thing is, I'm really busy right now (=used when you are explaining something).

You mix the flour and eggs like this, see (=used to check that someone is listening and understands)?

I can't see the point of (=I do not understand the reason for) spending so much money on a car.

Do you see the point I'm making (=do you understand what I'm trying to say)?

The other officers laughed, but Nichols couldn't see the joke.

**see reason/sense** (=realize that you are wrong or doing something stupid)

I just can't get her to see reason!

**8. WATCH** [transitive] to watch a television programme, play, film etc:

Did you see that programme on monkeys last night?

We're going to see 'Romeo and Juliet' tonight.

**9. CONSIDER SOMEBODY/SOMETHING** [transitive] to think about or consider someone or something in a particular way, or as having particular qualities:

Having a child makes you see things differently.

Violence is seen in different ways by different people.

**as somebody sees it/the way somebody sees it** (=used to give someone's opinion)

As I see it, you don't have any choice.

The way I see it, we have two options.

**see somebody/something as something**

I see the job as a challenge.

**see yourself as something**

He saw himself as a failure.

**be seen as (being) something**

The peace talks are seen as a sign of hope.

This type of work is often seen as boring.

**be seen to be (doing) something**

Teachers need to be seen to be in control.

The government must be seen to be doing something about the rise in violent crime.

**10. see what somebody/something can do** *spoken*

a) to find out if someone can deal with a situation or problem

**see what somebody/something can do about**

I'll call them again and see what they can do about it.

b) to find out how good someone or something is at what they are supposed to be able to do:

Let's take the Porsche out to the racetrack and see what it can do!

**11. I'll see what I can do** *spoken* used to say that you will try to help someone:

Leave the papers with me and I'll see what I can do.

**12. see you** *spoken* used to say goodbye when you know you will see someone again

**see you tomorrow/at three/Sunday etc**

See you Friday – your place at 8:30.

**see you later** (=see you soon, or later in the same day)

**see you in a bit** *British English* (=see you soon)

**see you in a while** (=see you soon)

**(I'll) be seeing you!** (=see you soon)

**13. VISIT** [transitive] to visit or meet someone:

I'll be seeing her tomorrow night.

I haven't seen her since we left school.

She's too sick to see anyone right now.

**14. MEET BY CHANCE** [transitive not in progressive] to meet someone by chance:

I saw Jane while I was out.

**15. HAVE A MEETING** [transitive] to have an arranged meeting with someone:

Mr Thomas is seeing a client at 2:30.

She was seen by a doctor but didn't need hospital treatment.

**see somebody about something** (=see someone to discuss something)

I have to see my teacher about my grades.

16. **SPEND TIME WITH SOMEBODY** [transitive] to spend time with someone:

They've been seeing a lot of each other.

**see more/less of somebody** (=see someone more or less often)

They've seen more of each other since Dan moved to London.

17. **be seeing somebody** to be having a romantic relationship with someone:

Is she seeing anyone at the moment?

18. **IMAGINE** [transitive not in progressive] to imagine that something may happen in the future:

He could see a great future for her in music.

**can't see somebody/something doing something**

I can't see him winning, can you?

She's got a new book coming out, but I can't see it doing very well.

**see somebody as something** (=be able to imagine someone being something)

I just can't see her as a ballet dancer.

19. **seeing as (how) informal** (also **seeing that**) used before giving a reason for what you are saying:

'I might as well do something useful, seeing as I'm back,' she said.

20. **see something for what it is** (also **see somebody for what they are**) to realize that someone or something is not as good or nice as they seem:

They are unimpressed with the scheme and rightly see it for what it is.

21. **MAKE SURE** [transitive not in progressive] to make sure or check that something is done

**see (that)**

It's up to you to see that the job's done properly.

Please see that the lights are switched off before you leave.

Don't worry – I'll see to it.

The hotel's owners see to it that their guests are given every luxury.

22. **EXPERIENCE SOMETHING** [transitive not in progressive] to experience something:

She was so sick that doctors didn't think she'd live to see her first birthday.

I never thought I'd live to see the day when women became priests.

She's seen it all before (=has experienced so much that nothing surprises her) in her long career. ⇒ **been there, seen**

**that, done that** at **↑been(3)**

23. **TIME/PLACE** [transitive] if a time or place has seen a particular event or situation, it happened or existed in that time or place:

This year has seen a big increase in road accidents.

The city has seen plenty of violence over the years.

24. **let me see** (also **let's see**) *spoken* used when you are trying to remember something:

Let me see ... where did I put that letter?

25. **I don't see why not** *spoken* used to say 'yes' in answer to a request:

'Can we go to the park?' 'I don't see why not.'

26. **GO WITH SOMEBODY** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to go somewhere with someone to make sure they are safe:

My mother used to see me across the road.

I'll get Nick to see you home.

Let me see you to the door (=go with you to the door, to say goodbye).

27. **be seeing things** to imagine that you see someone or something which is not really there:

There's no one there – you must be seeing things.

28. **see double** if you see double, something is wrong with your eyes, so that you see two things when there is only one

29. **have seen better days** *informal* to be in a bad condition:

Her hat had seen better days.

30. **be glad/pleased etc to see the back of somebody/something** *British English spoken* to be pleased when someone leaves or when you get rid of something, because you do not like them:

I'll be glad to see the back of him.

31. **see the last of somebody/something**

a) to not see someone or something again, especially someone or something you do not like:

I thought we'd seen the last of him.

It was a relief to see the last of them.

b) to not have to deal with something any more:

Police hoped they'd seen the last of the joyriding.

We may not have seen the last of this controversy.

32. **see the light**

a) to realize that something is true:

She finally saw the light and ended the relationship.

b) to have a special experience that makes you believe in a religion

33. **see the light of day**

a) if something sees the light of day, it is brought out so that people can see it:

This decision will ensure that the Pentagon Papers never see the light of day.

b) to start to exist:

This type of PC first saw the light of day in 1981.

34. **see red** to become very angry:

The thought of Pierre with Nicole had made her see red.

35. **not see somebody for dust** *British English informal* if you do not see someone for dust, they leave a place very quickly in order to avoid something

36. **see eye to eye** [usually in negatives] if two people see eye to eye, they agree with each other:

" We didn't exactly see eye to eye.

**see eye to eye with**

" I don't always see eye to eye with my father.

**see eye to eye on/about**

" We don't see eye to eye on business issues.

37. **seen one ... seen them all** *informal* used to say that something is boring because it is very similar to other things:

" When you've seen one of these programmes, you've seen them all.

38. **see your way (clear) to doing something** *formal* to be able and willing to do something:

" Small companies cannot see their way to taking on many trainees.

39. **(see and) be seen** to look at or be noticed by important or fashionable people:

" Royal Ascot is the place to see and be seen.

40. **not see the wood for the trees** (also **not see the forest for the trees** *American English*) to be unable to understand what is important in a situation because you are thinking too much about small details rather than the whole situation

41. **see something coming** to realize that there is going to be a problem before it actually happens:

" John's going to have a lot of trouble with him. You can see it coming.

42. **see somebody coming (a mile off)** *British English spoken* to recognize that someone will be easy to trick or deceive:

" You paid £500 for that! They must have seen you coming!

43. **see somebody right** *British English spoken* to make sure that someone gets what they need or want, especially money:

" Just do this for me and I'll see you right.

" Tell the landlord I sent you and he'll see you right.

44. **not see that it matters** *spoken* to think that something is not important:

" I can't see that it matters what I think.

45. **GAME OF CARDS** [*transitive*] to risk the same amount of money as your opponent in a ↑*card* game ⇒ **it remains to be seen** at ↑*remain*(5), ⇒ **see fit (to do something)** at ↑*fit*<sup>2</sup>(3), ⇒ **wouldn't be seen dead** at ↑*dead*<sup>1</sup>(12)

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## THESAURUS

- **see** to notice something with your eyes, usually without planning to. Also used when saying that you watched a particular programme, film, game etc: Have you seen my keys anywhere? | Did you see the basketball game last night?
- **look at somebody/something** to keep your eyes pointed toward someone or something, especially someone or something that is not moving: I looked at the map. | She was looking at him in a strange way.
- **notice** to see something interesting or unusual: I noticed a police car outside their house.
- **spot** to suddenly see something, especially something you are looking for: Nick spotted the advertisement in the paper.
- **catch sight of/catch a glimpse of** (also **glimpse formal**) to suddenly see someone or something for a short time, usually not clearly: I caught sight of him in the hotel lobby, and followed him out the door. | He glimpsed her face as she went into the courtroom.
- **make out somebody/something** to see something, but only with difficulty: Ahead, I could just make out the figure of a woman.
- **witness** to see something happen, especially a crime or an accident: The police are asking anyone who witnessed the attack to come forward.
- **observe formal** to see and pay attention to something: Officers observed him driving at 100 mph.
- **sight especially written** to suddenly see something or someone from a long distance, especially when you have been looking for a long time: The missing boys were sighted by a rescue helicopter. | The crew finally sighted land.

### ■ Unable to see

- **blind** unable to see anything: She has been blind from birth.
- **partially-sighted** not able to see things very well, although not completely blind: Good lighting can be very important for partially sighted people.
- **visually handicapped /impaired** completely blind or not able to see very much – used especially in official reports, forms etc: a special school for visually impaired children

**see about something** *phrasal verb*

1. to make arrangements or deal with something:

" I'd better see about dinner.

**see about doing something**

" Claire's gone to see about getting tickets for the concert.

2. **we'll see about that** *spoken*

a) (also **we'll have to see about that**) used to say that you do not know if something will be possible:

" 'I want to go to Joshua's tonight.' 'Well, we'll have to see about that.'

b) (also **we'll soon see about that**) used to say that you intend to stop someone from doing what they were planning to do

**see something against something** *phrasal verb* [usually passive]

to consider something together with something else:

" The unemployment data must be seen against the background of world recession.

**see around** *phrasal verb*

1. **see somebody around** to notice someone regularly in places you go to, but not talk to them:

" I don't know who he is, but I've seen him around.

2. **see you around** *spoken* used to say goodbye to someone when you have not made a definite arrangement to meet again

3. **see around/round something** *British English* to visit a place and walk around looking at it:

" Would you like to see round the house?

**see in** *phrasal verb*

1. **not know what somebody sees in somebody** (also **what does somebody see in somebody?**) used to say that you do not know why someone likes someone else:

I don't know what she sees in him.

2. **see something in somebody/something** to notice a particular quality in someone or something that makes you like them:

He saw a gentleness in Susan.

3. **see somebody in** to go with someone to make sure they arrive at a building or room:

He took her home and, after seeing her in, drove off without a word.

4. **see in the New Year** to celebrate the beginning of a new year

**see somebody/something** ↔ **off** *phrasal verb*

1. to defeat someone or stop them from competing against you:

To see off the threat, the company will have to cut its prices still further.

The team saw off their old rivals in last night's championship game.

2. to go to an airport, train station etc to say goodbye to someone:

They've gone to the airport to see their son off.

3. (also **see somebody off something**) to force someone to leave a place:

Security guards saw him off the premises.

**see somebody/something out** *phrasal verb*

1. to go to the door with someone to say goodbye to them when they leave:

I'll see you out.

Don't worry, I can **see myself out** (=leave the building without anyone coming with me).

2. **see something** ↔ **out** to continue doing something or being somewhere until a particular period of time or an unpleasant event is finished:

Connolly has promised to see out the remaining 18 months of his contract.

She saw out her last years at Sudeley Castle.

**see over something** *phrasal verb British English*

to look at something large such as a house, especially in order to decide if you want to buy it

**see through** *phrasal verb*

1. **see through somebody/something** to realize that someone is trying to deceive you:

I saw through his excuses.

I could never lie to her because I know she'd see through me straight away.

I can't bluff – she'd **see right through me**.

2. **see something through** to continue doing something until it is finished, especially something difficult or unpleasant:

It'll take a lot of effort to see the project through.

3. **see somebody through (something)** to give help and support to someone during a difficult time:

Setting goals should help see you through.

I've got enough money to see me through six months of unemployment.

4. **see something through sb's eyes** to see something or think about it in the way that someone else does:

The world is very different when seen through the eyes of a child.

**see to somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

to deal with something or do something for someone:

Go on, you go out. I'll see to the washing-up.

**have/get something seen to**

You should get that tooth seen to by a dentist.

II. **see**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: se, from Latin sedes 'seat']

an area governed by a †bishop

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