

SEE SOMEONE DO AND DOING SOMETHING



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SEE SOMEONE DO SOMETHING

Someone did something (past simple) and I saw this = I saw someone do something. **I saw the complete action from beginning to end.**

Passive : “He was seen **to do** something” ,
not “~~He was seen do something~~”.

- I saw him hide behind a tree.
- Did you see anyone go out?
- I saw him drop his phone, but he didn’t notice.

I saw him fall off his chair. .



SEE SOMEONE DOING SOMETHING

I saw someone doing something (past continuous) = someone was doing something and I saw this. **They were in the middle of doing something. I didn’t see the complete action.**

Passive : “He was seen doing something”

- I saw him walking down the street.
- I saw her painting the fence when I walked by.
- We saw the children playing in the park all afternoon.

I saw him crossing the road.



Other verbs That Work the same way:

hear – I heard her sing. / I heard her singing.

notice – Did you notice him leave? / Notice him leaving?

watch – We watched them play. / We watched them playing.