

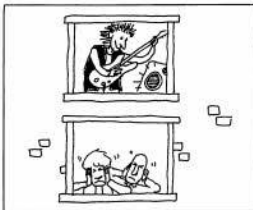
## 1 You use an *-ing* clause with an object after these verbs:

see hear watch notice observe smell listen to find feel look at

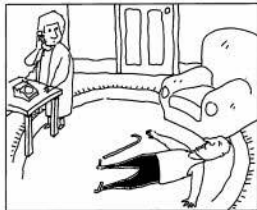
to talk about someone doing something:



We saw him crossing the road.



They heard someone playing the guitar upstairs.



I found an old man lying on the floor, and called an ambulance.

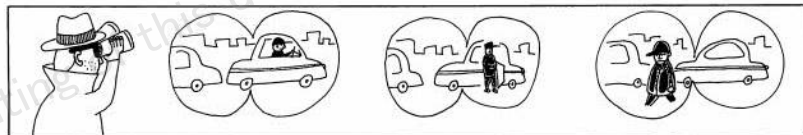
She lay in bed, listening to the rain falling. The children looked at the monkeys playing in the zoo.

NOTE: with this structure, the activity started before you first observed it, so you only observe a part of the activity.

## 2 You use the *infinitive* without to with these verbs of perception:

see hear watch notice observe smell listen to feel (BUT NOT: find look at)

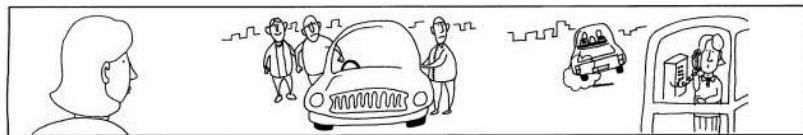
to talk about a completed action:



I saw him park the car, open the door, get out and cross the road. (= I saw the start and finish of each activity)



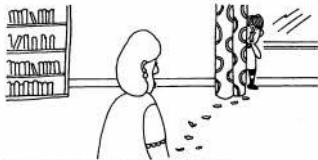
The audience listened to the group play their latest hits. (= they heard the whole show)



She watched them steal the car, and then she phoned the police. (= she saw everything)

**A** Decide whether these sentences describe finished (F) or unfinished (U) actions:

- 1 Did you see the police arrest the robber? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 I heard the birds making their nest in the roof. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Everyone watched the plane land. \_\_\_\_\_



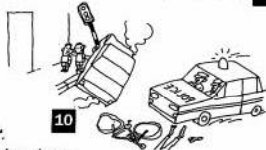
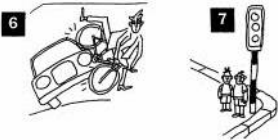
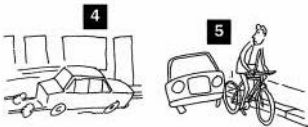
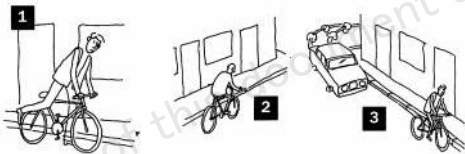
4 Mrs Jameson noticed someone hiding in the lounge. \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 We listened to the group play a few songs, then left. \_\_\_\_\_



6 Noriko felt something touch her leg when she was swimming. \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Look at the pictures, which tell a story, and try to put the sentences below in the correct sequence:



- 1 A tall man was getting onto his bicycle. I saw him. 1  
 2 Then the car crashed into the traffic lights. We heard it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 A police car was coming to the scene of the accident. We heard it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 The children screamed. Everybody heard them. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 The car tried to overtake the cyclist. We watched it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 A blue car turned into the street. My friend noticed it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 Some children were standing near the traffic lights. My friend noticed them. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8 He rode down the street. I watched him. \_\_\_\_\_  
 9 The car was driving very fast. We heard it. \_\_\_\_\_  
 10 The car knocked the man off his bike. We saw it. \_\_\_\_\_

Now change the sentences following the models:

e.g. He opened the door. I heard him: *I heard him open the door.*

He was opening the door. I heard him: *I heard him opening the door.*