

## Grammar Lesson

### SEE AND HEAR

James said 'I'm glad you're **seeing sense**'. That means 'I'm glad you're being sensible or reasonable'. And when the manager said 'I **hear what you're saying**' he meant 'I understand what you're saying'.

Here are some more expressions and phrasal verbs with '**see**' and '**hear**':

#### See:

##### **see both sides**

be able to understand the two different opinions in an argument or debate

I see both sides of the green argument - I think we all need to cut down on the amount of energy we use, but I still really need my car!

##### **have seen it all before**

have a lot of experience of something and so aren't surprised or shocked

She's been a teacher for 20 years so she's seen it all before. There's nothing teenagers can do that will surprise her.

##### **see the back of someone**

not have to deal with someone or something unpleasant

I'll be glad to see the back of her. She's made my life miserable in this office for years.

##### **see something coming (a mile off)**

realise that something is about to happen

Once he presented her with the red roses, you could see it coming. And sure enough, he asked her to marry him then and there, right in the middle of the restaurant!

#### Hear:

##### **can't hear yourself think**

not be able to hear people talking because a place is so noisy

The band were great for the first 10 minutes but eventually we had to leave because we couldn't hear ourselves think.

##### **Do you hear me?**

used to emphasise what you are saying, especially if you think someone hasn't been paying attention to what you've been saying

I said, I want you to tidy your room, now! Do you hear me? I'm serious.

**never hear the end of something**

used to say that someone will continue to tell you about achieving something for a long time after they have achieved it

If her daughter wins this competition, we'll never hear the end of it. She's so proud of her children she never thinks that people might not want to hear about them all the time!

**See - phrasal verbs:**

**see about something / doing something**

deal with or organise something

Can you see about those papers I left on my desk?

It's mum's birthday next week, I'll need to see about buying her a present.

**see someone out**

go to the door of a building or room with someone who doesn't live or work there, when they are leaving

Thanks for coming in for the interview. Kevin will see you out now.

**Hear - phrasal verbs:**

**hear from someone**

be contacted by someone by phone, letter, email etc.

I haven't heard from Bill since he went to university. I wish he would write just so I know he hasn't forgotten about me.

**hear of something**

learn about something, find out that something has happened

I was very surprised to hear of his promotion. You know he's only been with the company of two months.

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