

## 10

## Senses

## 10.1 Can you believe your eyes?

**Vocabulary** words for looking and seeing

- 1 Choose two of the three words in the box to complete the sentences in each pair.

gazing glancing glaring

- 1 a 'You're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen,' he said, gazing into her eyes.  
b 'I don't want him to see me,' she said, \_\_\_\_\_ quickly around the room.

observed spotted stared

- 2 a 'I was looking at the accounts last night and I think I've \_\_\_\_\_ a problem.'  
b 'Through a series of experiments, scientists have \_\_\_\_\_ that animals may be able to see colour.'

glanced glared observed

- 3 a She \_\_\_\_\_ at him, angry that he wouldn't do what she wanted.  
b He only \_\_\_\_\_ at her face, but could see immediately that she was upset.

- 2 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box.

distinguish focus on reflect reveal visible vision

- 1 The little cottage was just visible through the trees.  
2 He turned on the light to \_\_\_\_\_ a scene of complete chaos.  
3 The darkness or lightness of a colour affects how much light it can \_\_\_\_\_.  
4 It was so dark I could only just \_\_\_\_\_ where the path lay.  
5 The doctor tested him and announced that he had perfect \_\_\_\_\_.  
6 I felt nervous while I waited for him to arrive, so decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the beautiful gardens around me.

- 3 Choose the best options to complete the texts.

**How do we see in colour?**

An object becomes <sup>1</sup>*visible* *vision* to us when light hits it. Some of the light is absorbed by the object, and the rest is <sup>2</sup> *revealed* / *reflected* back in lightwaves. These lightwaves hit the retina at the back of our eyes, and, depending on the wavelength of the lightwave, we will see the object as a different colour. The majority of human beings have three types of 'cones' at the back of their eyes, which means they can <sup>3</sup> *distinguish between* / *focus on* red, blue, green and yellow (and all the colours in between).

**Does <sup>1</sup>staring / glaring at the sun damage your eyes?**

A quick <sup>2</sup> *glance* / *gaze* is unlikely to do any permanent damage, but it could still cause temporary problems to your <sup>3</sup> *vision* / *reflection*. However, <sup>4</sup> *observing* / *gazing* at the sun for any length of time could even result in blindness.



- ➔ **STUDY TIP** Many verbs need to be used with a specific preposition when they have a direct object. For example, *gaze at*, *glance at*, *stare at*, *glare at*, *focus on*. Make sure you take a note of these dependent prepositions when recording words in a vocabulary notebook or folder.



## Grammar order of adjectives

4 Find and correct the six mistakes in word order in these sentences.

1 Don't worry, it was just a/an old cheap thing.  
*Don't worry, it was just a cheap old thing.*

2 What's that tall German blond boy called?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3 She drove up in a/an expensive Japanese sports car.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4 The roses were pink and yellow and beautifully arranged.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5 She keeps her pencils in jam empty glass jars.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6 She was wearing a black silk gorgeous dress.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

7 What a/an amazing Chinese old vase!  
 \_\_\_\_\_

8 She always wears a delicate silver little chain around her neck.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5a Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentences.

- Across the room, a \_\_\_\_\_ man was staring at me.  
 a tall, dark and handsome  
 b handsome, dark and tall  
 c dark, handsome and tall
- I'm planning to wear a \_\_\_\_\_ shirt to the wedding.  
 a silk black-and-white  
 b black-and-white silk  
 c white-and-black and silk
- She makes all her own clothes on a/an \_\_\_\_\_ machine.  
 a beautiful sewing old  
 b old beautiful sewing  
 c beautiful old sewing
- In the corner of the room, there was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ table.  
 a dressing French antique  
 b antique French dressing  
 c French antique dressing
- Her hair was \_\_\_\_\_, and she looked amazing.  
 a curly and long, blonde  
 b blonde, curly, long  
 c long, curly and blonde
- I'm looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ mirror to put over the fireplace.  
 a large square silver  
 b silver square large  
 c large silver square

b 10.1 ))) Listen and check your answers.

## PRONUNCIATION pauses in long sentences

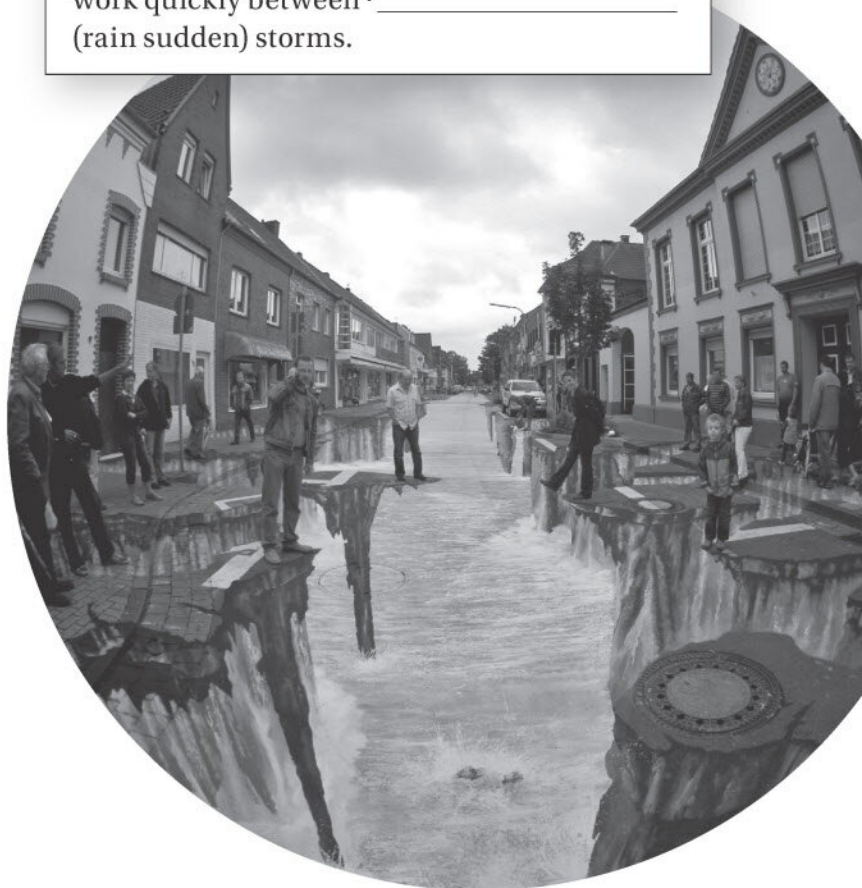
c 10.1 ))) Listen to the sentences in exercise 5a again and draw lines to mark where the speaker pauses in the sentences.

*Across the room, // a tall, dark and handsome man // was staring at me.*

6 Complete the text by putting the words in brackets in the correct order. Add *and* if appropriate.

It's an <sup>1</sup> ordinary German (German ordinary) street, but the ground has cracked open to reveal a <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (terrifying deep) crevasse. A family are struggling to help each other across, standing on little islands of <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (glowing volcanic) rock. The river which flows beneath them looks <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wild dangerous).

It took German artist Edgar Mueller five days to create this <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (3D large) optical illusion, using <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (acrylic wall) paint. The paint was waterproof, but only when it had fully dried, meaning that Mueller had to work quickly between <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (rain sudden) storms.



### I can ...

Very well    Quite well    More practice

talk about looking and seeing.

use adjectives in the correct order.