CHART 15-6...USING VERBS OF PERCEPTION
What is perception?

- It is how we perceive reality with our senses:
- What are our senses?
Some verbs related to perception...

- See
- Look at
- Hear

- Feel
- Smell
- Notice

- Observe
- Listen to
- Watch

- Witness
Verbs of perception...

- (a) I saw my friend run down the street.
- (b) I saw my friend running down the street.
- (c) I heard the rain fall on the roof.
- (d) I heard the rain falling on the roof.

Certain verbs of perception are followed by either the *simple form* or the *–ing form* of a verb. Using either form shows little to no difference in meaning.
However...

- Sometimes, there is a clear difference between using the *simple form* or the *–ing* form.

When I walked into the apartment, I *heard* my roommate *singing* in the shower.

*This implies that the action was already happening, so using the –ing form simply means that part of the action was perceived.*
But...

- If we use the simple form, it means that we experienced the action from beginning to end.

I heard a famous opera star sing at the concert last night.

*We can’t always experience things from beginning to end.
Please know...

- You can use normal, passive gerunds or passive forms with these structures.

- Being + past participle
  I saw Felipe being tickled by Salome this morning.

Be + past participle
I saw Felipe be tickled by Salome this morning.
BUT DO NOT!!!

- Use verbs of perception with past forms of gerunds!

I saw him having been robbed by a Liga fan.  
--How can you see this happen afterwards?

I saw him having robbed a Liga fan.  
--How can you see this happen afterwards?
USE...

- Verbs of perception to express that you perceived something in progress or from beginning to end.

- Key word: WHILE!!!

- NOT: AFTER!!!