

Complete the following sentences.

1. Suddenly I a thud.

heard

listened

listened to

We hear sounds that come to our ears. To listen to something is to pay attention to it.

2. I didn't the knock because the radio.

hear, was listening to

listen to, hearing

hear, listened to

We hear sounds that come to our ears. To listen to something is to pay attention to it.

3. Please speak a bit louder. I cannot you.

hear

listen

listen to

We hear sounds that come to our ears. To listen to something is to pay attention to it.

4. I somebody coming up the stairs.

can hear

am hearing

can to hear

Hear is not normally used in the continuous form.

5. what I am going to say.

Hear carefully

Listen carefully to

Listen carefully

If there is an object, listen is used with to.

6. I heard him at the watchman.

shout

shouting

to shout

Hear can be followed by an object + infinitive without to or object + ing form.

7. I saw her into the pond.

jump

to jump

Either could be used here

The verb see can be followed by an object + infinitive or an object + ing form. The infinitive is used without to.

8. I heard the bomb

explode

to explode

exploding

The ing form here suggests that we hear an action in progress whereas the infinitive suggests that we hear the whole of the action. When it comes to the sounds of explosions we are going to hear the whole of it and hence the infinitive is used here.

9. I watched the kids in the pond.

swim

to swim

swimming

The ing form here suggests that we hear an action in progress whereas the infinitive suggests that we hear the whole of the action.

10. I could see him on the bus.

getting
to get
get

After can see or can hear only the -ing form is possible.

11. I heard my name several times.

repeating
repeat
repeated

My name didn't repeat. It was repeated. We use the past participle here to suggest this idea.

12. Look at them!

dance
dancing

Either could be used here

Look at can be followed by an infinitive or ing form.

PLAY AGAIN !

Answers

1. Suddenly I heard a thud.
2. I didn't hear the knock because I was listening to the radio.
3. Please speak a bit louder. I cannot hear you.
4. I can hear somebody coming up the stairs.
5. Listen carefully to what I am going to say.
6. I heard him shout / shouting at the watchman.
7. I saw her jump into the pond.
8. I heard the bomb explode.
9. I watched the kids swim / swimming in the pond.
10. I could see him getting on the bus.

11. I heard my name repeated several times.
12. Look at them dancing / dance!