

## *The Proper Use of See, Saw, and Seen*

Present Tense: **see** --

(the action is happening NOW in the present)

Everyday I see my neighbor, and everyday he sees me.  
“I see something lying on the road up ahead.”

Past Tense: **saw** --

(the action is over)

Yesterday I saw my neighbor mowing his lawn.  
Last year, I saw the Super Bowl in person.

Past Participle: **seen** --

(used with *have, has, is, was, will be, had been*, etc.)

In the past, I have seen two rainbows in the sky at once.

Before we had seen ten minutes of the movie, the projector broke.

In this film, Tom Hanks is seen as a mad scientist who invents a formula for invisibility.

Never ever say or write “I seen.”

Say, “I HAVE seen” or “I HAD seen.”

**Remember:** The word *seen* must never follow directly after the words *I, he, she, we, they, Bob, Mary* (any person’s name).