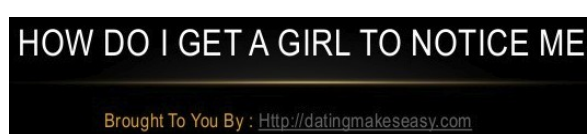
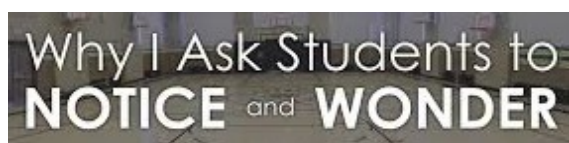
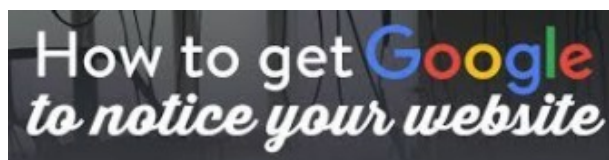


English Vocabulary: Notice vs Realize (PT: perceber)

The two verbs “to notice” and “to realize” both mean “*perceber*” in Portuguese. These two words have the same translation, but they are used in different contexts. The verb “to perceive” also exists, but is used mostly in formal contexts such as law and medicine. All three verbs are regular.

1) to notice (*to see*)

When you “notice” something, it is usually a visual event, but it could also involve your hearing, smell or taste. Something visual can catch your attention. Here are some examples:



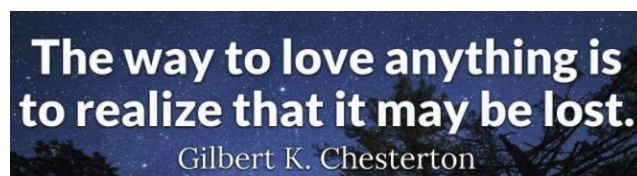
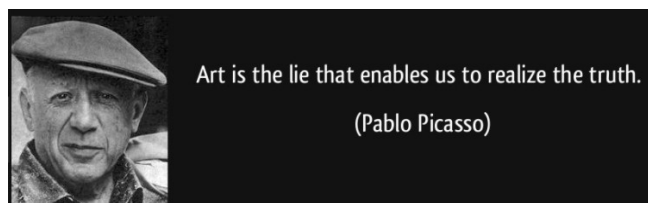
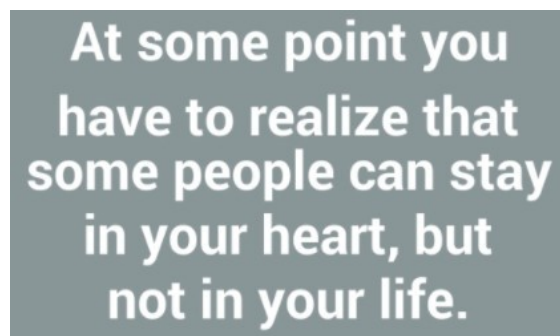
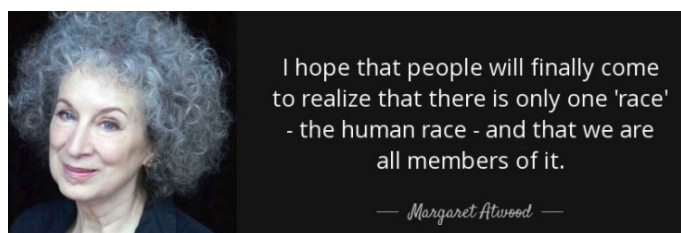
Test your perception:

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2) to realize (*to know, to remember*)

When you “realize” something, it is a mental event. You know/remember something that you didn't know/remember before. Here are some examples:



Exercise. Complete with the verbs “notice” or “realize” (conjugate if necessary):

1. He didn't _____ how much he loved her until he lost her.
2. Have you _____ that I have changed my hair?
3. Look! There's a storm coming. I didn't _____ until now.
4. Do you _____ that today is the dog's birthday?
5. I've just _____ ! I only have 10 days of school left!
6. When you saw Mary last night, did you _____ anything different about her?
7. Even after 12 years of marriage, I didn't _____ that he didn't love me!
8. A: I _____ that your jeans are torn. Have you had an accident?
B: No – it's the fashion!
9. He never _____ me. It's as if I am invisible!
10. I only _____ yesterday that today is the shortest day of the year.
11. At midnight, I _____ that he was very tired.
12. A: Is the front door closed?
B: Sorry, I didn't _____ !