Commonly Confused Words

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Write the word *saw* or *seen* on each blank line to correctly complete the sentences.

1. I ____________ many colorful birds at the park yesterday.

2. Kara has never ____________ the waterfall in the creek.

3. Have you ____________ my car keys?

4. Two days ago, Carlos ____________ a magician pull a rabbit out of a hat.

5. Gina ____________ a cloud that was shaped like a dinosaur.

6. Frankie ____________ that movie a long time ago.

7. We have ____________ many kittens at the animal shelter.

8. Peter, Isla, and Abby ________________ Mrs. McMurray shopping at the store.

9. My dog had ________________ the squirrel that scurried across the front yard.

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