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3a. The chef _____ the dishes of the competitors.

3b. My mum's dishes always _____ wonderful.

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4b. That armchair _____ very comfortable.

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5b. My boss _____ at the night club with his band tonight.

6a. My dog _____ my clothes now.

6b. His perfume _____ wonderful.

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2. hear:expresses the state perceived by your senses.....
3. own:expresses possession.....
4. feel: expresses the state perceived by your senses.....

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Exercises	Comments on the difference
1a. He ___ is ___ quite a shy student. 1b. He ___ is being ___ very disgusting with attitudes.	1a A comment on the general state 1b About a change happening at the moment of speaking
2a. I ___ 'm seeing ___ my dentist this afternoon. 2b. I can ___ see ___ a lot of errors on this page.	2a Having an appointment 2b To perceive something with your eyes/sense of perception
3a. The chef ___ 's tasting ___ the dishes of the competitors. 3b. My mum's dishes always ___ taste ___ wonderful.	3a An actual act of tasting 3b The taste that's found in something
4a. I ___ 'm feeling ___ much better now. 4b. That armchair ___ feels ___ very comfortable.	4a An actual act of feeling perceived by somebody 4b The feeling that's found in something. You hope or seize it.
5a. The dog ___ appears ___ (appear) to be hungry. He's very moody. 5b. My boss ___ is appearing ___ at the night club with his band tonight.	5a To seem 5b To perform
6a. My dog ___ 's smelling ___ my clothes now. 6b. His perfume ___ smells ___ wonderful.	6a An actual act of smelling perceived by somebody 6b The smell that's found in something