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: one who sees an occurrence or object or sometimes experiences it through other senses (as hearing) and usually reports or testifies about it

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