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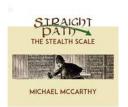
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# Notice Someone/Something

Perception has a number of uses, the most common of which is an opposed check versus an opponent's <u>Stealth (stealth)</u> check to notice the opponent and avoid being surprised. If you are successful, you notice the opponent and can react accordingly. If you fail, your opponent can take a variety of actions, including sneaking past you and attacking you.



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Perception is also used to notice fine details in the environment. The

DC to notice such details varies depending upon distance, the environment, and how noticeable the detail is. The following table gives a number of guidelines.

Detail	Davisantian DC	
Detail	Perception DC	
Hear the sound of battle	-10	
Notice the stench of rotting	-10	
garbage		
Detect the smell of smoke	0	
Hear the details of a	0	
conversation		
Notice a visible creature	0	
Determine if food is spoiled	5	
Hear the sound of a creature walking	10	
Hear the details of a whispered	15	
conversation		
Find the average concealed	15	
door		
Hear the sound of a key being	20	
turned in a lock		
Find the average secret door	20	
Hear a bow being drawn	25	

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/bard/) Barbarian	Sense a burrowing creature	25
(https://www.d20pfsrd.com	underneath you	
/classes/core-classes	,	
/barbarian/)	Notice a pickpocket	Opposed by <u>Sleight of Hand</u>
Druid		(sleight-of-hand)
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Rogue	Find a hidden trap	Varies by trap
(https://www.d20pfsrd.com	Identify the powers of a <u>potion</u>	15 + the <u>potion</u>
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Fighter	/magic-items/potions) through	/magic-items/potions)'s
(https://www.d20pfsrd.com	taste	caster level
/classes/core-classes	Perception Modifiers	DC Modifier
/fighter/)	Distance to the source, object,	+1/10 feet
Monk	or creature	17101661
(https://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/core-classes		_
/monk/)	Through a closed door	+5
Paladin	Through a wall	+10/foot of thickness
(https://www.d20pfsrd.com	Favorable conditions <sup>1</sup>	-2
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/classes/core-classes	Creature making the check is	+5
/ranger/)	distracted	
Sorcerer	Creature making the check is	+10
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Base Classes	<sup>1</sup> Favorable and unfavorable conditions	depend upon the sense being used t
(https://www.d20pfsrd.com	make the check. For example, bright light might increase the DC of checks	
/classes/base-classes/)	involving sight, while torchlight or moonlight might give a penalty.	
Alternate Classes	Background noise might reduce a DC involving hearing, while competing	
(https://www.d20pfsrd.com	odors might penalize any DC involving	scent.
/classes/alternate-classes/)	<sup>2</sup> As for unfavorable conditions, but more extreme. For example, candlelight	
Hybrid Classes (https://www.d20pfsrd.com	for DCs involving sight, a roaring dragon for DCs involving hearing, and an	
(IICCPS.// WWW.uZUPISIU.CUIII	overpowering stench covering the area for DCs involving scent.	

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# Action

Most Perception checks are reactive, made in response to observable stimulus. Intentionally searching for stimulus is

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a move action.

Retry? Yes. You can try to sense something you missed the first time, so long as the stimulus is still present.

## **Modifiers**

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- Familiars A spellcaster with a <a href="http://www.d20pfsrd.com/bestiary/monster-listings/animals/hawk">http://www.d20pfsrd.com/bestiary/monster-listings/animals/owl</a>) familiar gains a +3 bonus on Perception checks. If you have the <a href="http://www.d20pfsrd.com/feats/general-feats/alertness-final">Alertness (http://www.d20pfsrd.com/feats/general-feats/alertness-final)</a> feat, you get a +2 bonus on Perception (and <a href="mailto:Sense-motive">Sense-Motive (sense-motive)</a>) checks.

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10, 15, or 20 ranks in a skill unlocks various bonuses and abilities unique to that skill. The unchained rogue uses these rules extensively, but others can gain access to them with a new feat.

In this system, characters unlock additional abilities when they attain 5, 10, 15, and 20 ranks in a skill. The skill unlocks system interfaces with the <u>unchained rogue</u> (<a href="http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/unchained-classes/rogue-unchained">http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/unchained-classes/rogue/unchained</a>) to make the <a href="rogue">rogue-unchained</a>) to make the <a href="rogue">rogue-unchained</a>) to make the <a href="rogue">rogue</a>) the true master of skills.

Skill unlocks give characters new abilities and ways to use their skills upon reaching 5, 10, 15, and 20 ranks in a skill. Any character with the <u>Signature Skill</u>

(http://www.d20pfsrd.com/feats/general-feats/signature-skill-general) feat can earn skill unlocks for a single skill, and they are a prime feature of the revised version of the roque (http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/core-classes/roque) who uses her roque's edge ability to gain skill unlocks for several of her most iconic skills. Alternatively, you might make skill unlocks a universal part of the game, but you should be aware they add significant power and flexibility to skills, so giving them for free to all classes would grant power boosts to other highly skilled classes such as the investigator and bard

(http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/core-classes/bard), particularly in comparison to the <u>rogue</u>

(http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/core-classes/rogue). Another alternative is to eliminate access to the Signature Skill (http://www.d20pfsrd.com/feats/general-feats/signature-skill-general) feat, limiting skill unlocks to rogues (http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/core-classes/rogue) and rogues (http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/core-classes/rogue) alone.

With sufficient ranks in <u>Perception</u> (perception), you earn the following.

5 Ranks: You remain alert to sounds even in your sleep,

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## Ranger

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10 Ranks: The distance modifier on the DC of Perception (perception) checks you attempt is reduced to +1 per 30 feet. In addition, you gain a +5 bonus on Perception (perception) checks to notice or locate an invisible (http://www.d20pfsrd.com/gamemastering /conditions#TOC-Invisible) creature or object.

15 Ranks: You remain alert to sounds even in your sleep, and the normal DC increase to <u>Perception</u> (<u>perception</u>) checks when you are sleeping doesn't apply to you. The distance modifier on the DC of your <u>Perception</u> (<u>perception</u>) checks is reduced to +1 per 40 feet.

20 Ranks: You gain a +10 bonus on <u>Perception</u> (<u>perception</u>) checks to notice <u>invisible</u> (<u>http://www.d20pfsrd.com/gamemastering</u> /<u>conditions#TOC-Invisible</u>) creatures or objects. The distance modifier on the DC of <u>Perception</u> (<u>perception</u>) checks you attempt is reduced to +1 per 60 feet.

## FYI...

[Source (http://paizo.com/paizo/messageboards/paizoPublishing/pathfinder/pathfinderRPG/rules/archives/spottingTrapsHow&amp#59page=1)]

The <u>trap spotter (http://www.d20pfsrd.com/classes/core-classes/rogue#35TOC-Rogue-Talents)</u> rogue talent is a good way to gain an auto-spot ability for traps in the game. Normally, you don't automatically spot traps like this. A player has to specifically state that they're looking for traps.

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Any PC may learn to read lips with a rank in <u>Linguistics</u> (<u>linguistics</u>) as if they had learned a new language. When reading the lips of a speaking creature within 10 feet in normal lighting conditions, the reader need not make any skill checks. In situations of dim lighting, extreme distances, or to read the lips of someone trying to hide their words from the reader, the reader must make Perception checks (DC determined by the GM based on the situation). A lip reader may only understand spoken words in a language it knows.

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Listen Underwater: The DC to hear a sound at a distance underwater increases more slowly than it does in air because sound travels better underwater, although water conditions can make the rate change from place to place and time to time. Typically, however, the DC is increased by  $\pm 1/50$  feet.

Listen Through Soil: The DC to hear a sound when both the listener and the source of the sound are in direct contact with the earth increases much more slowly with distance than it does in air. The DC is increased by only +1/400 feet.

Pinpoint Sound: If you exceed the Perception DC to hear a sound by 20, you pinpoint the source of the sound, learning the exact space the sound came from.

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