

look**1. [lʊk] n**

1. **взгляд**
 kind [scornful, angry, vacant] look - добрый [презрительный сердитый, отсутствующий] взгляд
 to have/to take, to give/ a look at smth. - посмотреть/взглянуть/ на что-л.; /бегло/ ознакомиться с чем-л.
 to take a good look at smb., smth. - внимательно посмотреть на кого-л., что-л., хорошенько рассмотреть кого-л., что-л.
 to cast /to shoot/ a look - бросить взгляд
 to flash a look at smb. - метнуть взгляд на кого-л.
 to steal a look - посмотреть украдкой
 may I have a look at your passport? - позвольте взглянуть на ваш паспорт?

2. 1) вид, наружность

- to have a look of smb., smth. - чем-то (смутно) напоминать кого-л., что-л., быть похожим на кого-л., что-л.
 I don't like the look of him - мне не нравится его вид /его внешность/
 he had an odd look about him - у него был странный вид
 the house had a dismal look - дом выглядел довольно мрачно
 judging by the look of his rash, he has scarlet fever - судя по (виду) сыпи, у него скарлатина
 affairs took on an ugly look - дела приняли дурной оборот
 I don't like the new look in evening wear - мне не нравится последняя мода вечерних туалетов
 it has given the shop a new look - от этого магазин совсем преобразился

2) выражение

- a look of pleasure came to her face - довольное выражение появилось на её лице
 there was an ugly look in his eye - вид у него был угрожающий

3. *обыкн. pl* наружность (человека)

- good looks - красота, миловидность
 to be in good looks - хорошо выглядеть
 she has looks and youth - она молода и красива
 she's beginning to lose her looks - она начинает дурнеть

4. поиск

- to have a look for smth. - искать /разыскивать/ что-л.
 to be upon the look (for) - быть в поисках (*чего-л.*)
 ◇ by the look(s) of it - с виду; по виду; видимо
 by the look(s) of it we shan't have much rain this year - похоже, что в этом году будет мало дождей
 I don't like the look(s) of it - мне это кажется подозрительным, меня это настораживает
 to give smb. the look - заигрывать с кем-л.
 women still gave him the look - женщины всё ещё заглядывались на него /интересовались им/

2. [lʊk] v

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1. смотреть, глядеть

- to look but see nothing - смотреть, но ничего не видеть
 to look at smb., smth. - смотреть на кого-л., что-л.
 to look at the ceiling - смотреть в потолок
 don't look at me! - не смотрите на меня
 to look on smb. with dislike [with distrust] - смотреть на кого-л. с отвращением [с недоверием]
 to look black at smb. - смотреть на кого-л. сердито /со злостью/
 to look after the train as it is leaving the station - провожать глазами отходящий поезд
 to look another way - смотреть в другую сторону /в другом направлении/
 look! - смотри!, вот!
 look this way! - смотри сюда /в эту сторону/
 to look through a glass [through a window pane] - смотреть сквозь стекло [через окно] [*см. тж.* 2]
 he looked about the room - он обвёл глазами комнату

2. взглянуть, посмотреть

- to look into smth. - заглядывать во что-л.
 to look into the window - заглянуть в окно
 to look out of /*амер.* out/ smth. - выглянуть откуда-нибудь
 he looked out of the window to see if she was coming - он посмотрел /выглянул/ в окно, не идёт ли она
 to look over smth. - просмотреть, осмотреть что-л.
 to look over one's manuscript - просмотреть свою рукопись
 to look over the house [apartment] - осмотреть дом [квартиру]
 to look through smth. - а) просматривать; to look through smb.'s papers - просмотреть /проверить/ чьи-л. документы /бумаги/;
 б) виднеться, проглядывать
 his greed looked through his eyes - по его взгляду можно было сказать, что он жадный человек; [*см. тж.* 1]
 to look about one - осматриваться
 we hardly had time to look about us before we had to continue our journey - мы еле-еле успели осмотреться, как уж было пора отправляться в путь
 not much to look at - некрасивый, непрезентабельный; смотреть не на что

3. 1) выглядеть, иметь вид, казаться

- to look happy [sad, ill] - выглядеть /казаться/ счастливым [печальным, больным], иметь счастливый [печальный, больной] вид
 to look big - принимать важный вид
 to look small - иметь жалкий вид

he made me look small - он меня унизил

to look one's age - выглядеть не старше *или* не моложе своих лет

not to look oneself - измениться до неузнаваемости, быть непохожим на самого себя

to look oneself again - оправиться, прийти в себя, принять свой обычный вид

to look one's part - внешне соответствовать образу (*об актёре*)

you don't look yourself - а) вас узнать нельзя; б) на вас лица нет

everybody looked tired - у всех был усталый вид

does this hat look well on me? - мне идёт эта шляпа?

things look promising - положение обнадеживающее /благоприятное/, дела принимают хороший оборот

things look black - дела плохи, дела принимают плохой оборот

that looks heavy - на вид /по виду/ это тяжело

I never saw her look better - она никогда не выглядела лучше

she looks her best in blue - синий цвет ей больше всего к лицу

he made me look a fool - он поставил меня в дурацкое положение

that looks suspicious - это подозрительно

2) (like, as if) быть похожим; напоминать; производить то или иное впечатление

she looks like her father - она похожа на своего отца

he looks like an honest man - он производит впечатление порядочного человека

it looks like rain /like raining/ - похоже на (то, что будет) дождь

you look as if something has happened - у тебя такой вид, будто что-то случилось

it looks as if /as though/ we are going to have trouble - похоже на то, что /видимо/, у нас будут неприятности

you look as if you slept badly - ты выглядишь, как будто ты не выспался

it would look as if you are afraid - можно подумать, что вы боитесь

4. 1) проверить, посмотреть, в чём дело

to look into a matter - разбираться в деле, рассматривать проблему

to look into a question - изучать вопрос

will you look at this sentence, please? - проверьте /взгляните, пожалуйста, на/ это предложение

the plumber has come to look at the pipes - водопроводчик пришёл, чтобы проверить трубы

I must get my car looked at - надо, чтобы посмотрели /проверили/ мою машину

when one looks more closely - если вдуматься (хорошенько)

it is something that needs looking at - это требует расследования

2) (to) заботиться о (ком-л., чём-л.); следить за (кем-л., чем-л.)

just look to it that this doesn't happen again - последите за тем, чтобы это не повторилось

the country must look to its defences - страна должна обеспечивать свою оборону

look to your manners, boy! - веди себя как полагается, мальчик!

5. (towards, on to, into, down) выходить (*тж.* look out); быть обращённым (*куда-л., в какую-л. сторону*)

the room looks south - комната выходит на юг

the windows look (out) on the garden - окна выходят в сад

6. выражать (*взглядом, видом*)

to look one's consent - выражать своё согласие взглядом

he looked his thanks - весь его вид выражал благодарность

she has looked**yes** - её глаза сказали «да»

7. (с инфинитивом) *амер.* ожидать с уверенностью; надеяться

he looked to hear from her - он ждал, что она даст о себе знать

we looked to have immediate success - мы надеялись /рассчитывали/ сразу добиться успеха

8. в *грам. знач.* междометия послушайте!, эй! (*тж.* look here!; привлекает внимание собеседника)

look, old boy - go easy with her! - послушай, старина, поосторожнее с ней!

look who's here! - кого я вижу!

now look what you've done! - смотрите, что вы наделали!

look who's talking! - не вам бы говорить!

II Б

1. 1) to look on /upon/ smb. as smb. считать кого-л. кем-л.

to look on /upon/ smb. as an authority [as a leader, as one's teacher] - считать кого-л. авторитетом [вождём, своим учителем]

2) to look on /upon/ smth. as smth. рассматривать что-л. в качестве чего-л. *или* как что-л.

I look on /upon/ it as an ill omen - я считаю это дурным предзнаменованием

2. to look to smb. for smth. обращаться к кому-л. за чем-л., рассчитывать, надеяться на кого-л.

to look to smb. for help - рассчитывать на чью-л. помощь

I look to you for protection - я ищу у вас защиты

3. to look after smb., smth. присматривать, ухаживать за кем-л., чем-л.; заботиться о ком-л., чём-л.

to look after one's health - заботиться о своём здоровье

to look after flowers - ухаживать за цветами

to give one's valuables to the bank to look after - сдать свои ценности в банк на хранение

who will look after the children? - кто посмотрит за детьми?, кто позаботится о детях?

he's well able to look after himself - а) он не нуждается в посторонней помощи, он всё умеет делать сам; б) он отлично умеет защищать свои интересы

4. to look for smb., smth.

1) искать что-л., кого-л.

he is looking for his son - он разыскивает своего сына

she is looking for her keys [her bag] - она ищет ключи [сумочку]

2) подыскивать, присматривать

to look for an apartment - подыскивать /присматривать/ себе квартиру

he is looking for a wife - он ищет себе жену

to look for trouble [for a fight] - напрашиваться на неприятность [на драку]

3) надеяться, ожидать

rain may be looked for - можно ждать дождя

5. to look + пассивный инфинитив ожидать

to look to be helped [to be protected] - ждать помощи [защиты]



look and see - смотрите во все глаза

look after your own business - не суй свой нос в чужие дела

to look through smb. - а) пронизывать кого-л. взглядом; б) не замечать, смотреть как на пустое место

to look through rose-coloured glasses - смотреть (на всё) сквозь розовые очки, видеть всё в привлекательном свете

to look through blue-coloured glasses - смотреть (на всё) пессимистически, видеть всё в непривлекательном свете

to look at him ... - если судить по его виду ...

to look at it ... - с внешней стороны ..., если посмотреть снаружи ...

not to look at smth. - больше не прикасаться к чему-л., отказываться вмешиваться во что-л.

he wouldn't look at the proposal - он и думать /слышать/ не хотел об этом предложении

look sharp! - не зевай!, не мешкай!

look alive /lively!/ - живей!, пошевеливайся!

to look down one's nose at smb. - смотреть сверху вниз /свысока, с едва скрываемым презрением или неудовольствием/ на кого-л.

to look up and down - а) искать везде, перерывать всё; б) смерить взглядом

to look smb. in the face - смотреть смело /прямо/ в лицо кому-л.

to look danger in the face - смотреть опасности в глаза

to look like a million dollars - *амер.* прекрасно выглядеть

he never looked behind him - всю жизнь ему сопутствовал успех; он неуклонно шёл вверх по служебной лестнице

look before you leap *см.* leap 1 II ◇

to look a gift horse in the mouth *см.* gift 1 ◇

look

look [look looks looked looking] verb, noun, exclamation *BrE* [lʊk] ^{us} *NAmE*

[lʊk]

verb

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USE EYES

1. intransitive to turn your eyes in a particular direction

- If you look carefully you can just see our house from here.
- ~ **(at sb/sth)** She looked at me and smiled.
- 'Has the mail come yet?' 'I'll **look and see**.'
- Look! I'm sure that's Brad Pitt!
- Don't look now, but there's someone staring at you!

see also ↑forward-looking

SEARCH

2. intransitive to try to find sb/sth

- I can't find my book— I've looked everywhere
- ~ **for sb/sth** Where have you been? We've been looking for you.
- Are you still looking for a job?
- We're looking for someone with experience for this post.

PAY ATTENTION

3. intransitive, transitive to pay attention to sth

- ~ **(at sth)** Look at the time! We're going to be late.
- ~ **where, what, etc...** Can't you look where you're going?

APPEAR/SEEM

4. linking verb to seem; to appear

- **+ adj.** to look pale/happy/tired
- That book looks interesting.
- ~ **(to sb) like sb/sth** That looks like an interesting book.
- **+ noun** That looks an interesting book.
- You made me look a complete fool!

see also ↑good-looking

5. intransitive (not usually used in the progressive tenses) to have a similar appearance to sb/sth; to have an appearance that suggests that sth is true or will happen

- ~ **(to sb) like sb/sth** That photograph doesn't look like her at all.
- It looks like rain (= it looks as if it's going to rain) .
- ~ **(to sb) as if.../as though...** You look as though you slept badly.

• They don't look like they're trying to win. In spoken English people often use **like** instead of **as if** or **as though** in this meaning, especially in NAmE

• You look like you slept badly. This is not considered correct in written BrE.

6. intransitive to seem likely

• ~ **(to sb) as if.../as though...** It doesn't look as if we'll be moving after all.

• ~ **(to sb) like...** (informal) It doesn't look like we'll be moving after all. This use of **like** instead of **as if** or **as though** is not considered correct in written BrE.

FACE

7. intransitive + adv./prep. to face a particular direction

• The house looks east.

• The hotel looks out over the harbour.

Rem: Most idioms containing look are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example look daggers at sb is at dagger.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	look
	BrE /lʊk/
	NAmE /lʊk/
he / she / it	looks
	BrE /lʊks/
	NAmE /lʊks/
past simple, past participle	looked
	BrE /lʊkt/
	NAmE /lʊkt/
-ing form	looking
	BrE /lʊkɪŋ/
	NAmE /lʊkɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English lōcian (verb), of West Germanic origin; related to German dialect **lügen**.

Thesaurus:

look verb

1. I

• She looked at me and smiled.

watch • **see** • **glance** • **stare** • **peer** • **glare** • |informal **check sth out** • |formal **view** • **observe** • **regard** • **contemplate** • |especially written **gaze** •

look/glance/stare/peer/glare/gaze **at** sb/sth

look/watch **for** sb/sth

look/watch/stare at/view/observe/regard/contemplate (sb/sth) **with** amazement/surprise/disapproval etc

2. I

• Are you still looking for a job?

search • **hunt** • **scout** • |formal **seek** • |written **forage** • **cast about/around for sth** •

look/search/hunt/scout/seek/forage **for** sth

look/search/hunt/scout/forage **around** (for sth)

look/search/hunt **through** sth

look for/search for/seek/cast around for a/an **alternative /way**

look/search/hunt for **clues**

3. linking verb (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

• You look tired.

seem • **appear** • **sound** • **feel** •

look/seem/appear/sound/feel **odd/OK/nice, etc.**

look/seem/sound/feel **like** sth

look/seem/sound/feel **as if/as though ...**

look/seem/appear **to be** sth

Synonyms:

look

glance • gaze • stare • glimpse • glare

These are all words for an act of looking, when you turn your eyes in a particular direction.

look • an act of looking at sb/sth: ▫ Here, have a look at this.

glance • a quick look: ▫ She stole a glance at her watch.

gaze • a long steady look at sb/sth: ▫ She felt embarrassed under his steady gaze.

stare • a long look at sb/sth, especially in a way that is unfriendly or that shows surprise: ▫ She gave the officer a blank stare and shrugged her shoulders.

glimpse • a look at sb/sth for a very short time, when you do not see the person or thing completely: ▫ He caught a glimpse of her in the crowd.

glare • a long angry look at sb/sth: ▫ She fixed her questioner with a hostile glare.

a look/glance **at** sb/sth

a **penetrating/piercing** look/glance/gaze/stare

a **long** look/glance/stare
a **brief** look/glance/glimpse
to **have/get/take** a look/glance/glimpse
to **avoid** sb's glance/gaze/stare

Synonyms:

look

watch • see • view • observe

These words all mean to turn your eyes in a particular direction.

look • to turn your eyes in a particular direction: ▪ If you look carefully you can just see our house from here. ◇▪ She ▪ looked at ▪ me and smiled.

watch • to look at sb/sth for a time, paying attention to what happens: ▪ to watch television ◇▪ Watch what I do, then you try.

see • to watch a game, television programme, performance, etc: ▪ In the evening we went to see a movie.

view • (formal) to look at sth, especially when you look carefully; to watch television, a film/movie, etc: ▪ People came from all over the world to view her work.

watch, see or view?

You can **see/view a film/movie/programme** but you cannot: see/view television. **View** is more formal than **see** and is used especially in business contexts.

observe • (formal) to watch sb/sth carefully, especially to learn more about them or it: ▪ The patients were observed over a period of several months.

to look/watch **for** sb/sth

to watch/observe **what/who/how...**

to look/watch/view/observe (sb/sth) **with** amazement/surprise/disapproval etc.

to watch/see/view a **film/movie/show/programme**

to watch/see a **match/game/fight**

to look (at sb/sth)/watch (sb/sth)/observe sb/sth **carefully/closely**

Which Word?:

take care of / look after / care for

You can take care of or, especially in *BrE*, look after someone who is very young, very old, or sick, or something that needs keeping in good condition: ▪ We've asked my mother to take care of/look after the kids while we're away. ◇▪ You can borrow my camera if you promise to take care of/look after it.

In more formal language you can also care for someone: ▪ She does some voluntary work, caring for the elderly, but care for is more commonly used to mean 'like': ▪ I don't really care for spicy food.

Example Bank:

- It doesn't look as if we'll be moving after all.
- It looks like rain.
- That photograph doesn't look like her at all.
- You look tired.
- 'It's beautiful!' 'Oh! Let me look!'
- He looked longingly at the food on the table.
- He turned to look as she came down the stairs.
- He was looking studiously down to avoid meeting her eyes.
- I looked up angrily at my brother.
- I'll look and see if I've got any sugar in the cupboard.
- It looks to me as if the company is in real trouble.
- Look at the machine quite carefully before you buy it.
- Now is the time to look again at these arguments.
- She looked around helplessly.
- She looked over to where the others were chatting.
- She looked towards the door.
- She looked up at me sharply when I said that.
- The kitchen looks onto the garden.
- The room looks north.
- The room looks out over the sea.
- What are you looking at?
- an animal that looked like a large hedgehog
- 'Has the mail come yet?' 'I'll look and see.'
- Don't look now, but there's someone staring at you!
- He inspected the room, looking for any possible clues.
- I can't find my book— I've looked everywhere
- I looked in the mirror to see if my tie was straight.
- I was just about to come looking for you.
- I'm looking for an apartment on the east side of the city.
- I've spent my whole life looking for an answer to that question!
- Look carefully for signs of damp.
- Look! I'm sure that's Brad Pitt!
- We're looking around for a house in this area.

• We're looking for someone with experience for this position.

Idioms: ↑if looks could kill ... ▪ ↑just looking ▪ ↑look at somebody ▪ ↑look bad ▪ ↑look good ▪ ↑look here ▪ look how ▪ ↑look somebody up and down ▪ ↑look yourself ▪ ↑looking to do something ▪ ↑not look back ▪ ↑not look good ▪ ↑not much to look at

Derived ↑look after yourself ▪ ↑look ahead ▪ ↑look at something ▪ ↑look back ▪ ↑look down on somebody ▪ ↑look for something ▪ ↑look forward to something ▪ ↑look in ▪ ↑look into something ▪ ↑look on ▪ ↑look on somebody as somebody ▪ ↑look on somebody with something ▪ ↑look out ▪ ↑look out for somebody ▪ ↑look round ▪ ↑look round for something ▪ ↑look somebody up ▪ ↑look something out ▪ ↑look something over ▪ ↑look something up ▪ ↑look through somebody ▪ ↑look through something ▪ ↑look to somebody for something ▪ ↑look to somebody to do something ▪ ↑look to something ▪ ↑look up ▪ ↑look up to somebody

noun

USING EYES

1. countable, usually singular ~ (at sb/sth) an act of looking at sb/sth

- Here, **have a look** at this.
- **Take a look** at these figures!
- Make sure you get a **good look** at their faces.
- **One look** at his face and Jenny stopped laughing.
- A look passed between them (= they looked at each other) .
- It's an interesting place. Do you want to take **a look around** ?
- We'll be taking a **close look** at these proposals (= examining them carefully) .

SEARCH

2. countable, usually singular ~ (for sth/sb) an act of trying to find sth/sb

- I've **had a good look** for it, but I can't find it.

EXPRESSION

3. countable an expression in your eyes or face

- a **look of** surprise
- He didn't like the look in her eyes.
- She had a worried look on her face.
- A doubtful look crossed his face.
- We got a number of curious looks from passers-by.

APPEARANCE

4. countable, usually singular the way sb/sth looks; the appearance of sb/sth

- It's going to rain today **by the look of it** (= judging by appearances) .
- Looks can be deceptive.
- I **don't like the look of** that guy (= I don't trust him, judging by his appearance) .

5. looks plural a person's appearance, especially when the person is attractive

- She has her father's **good looks** .
- He **lost his looks** (= became less attractive) in later life.

see also ↑good-looking

FASHION

6. singular a fashion; a style

- The punk look is back in fashion.
- They've given the place a completely new look.

see also ↑wet look

more at give sb a dirty look **at** ↑dirty adj., take a long (cool/hard) look at sth **at** ↑long adj.

Word Origin:

Old English lōcian (verb), of West Germanic origin; related to German dialect lügen.

Thesaurus:

look noun

1. C, usually sing.

- Have a look at this.

glance • • **glimpse** • • **sight** • • **stare** • • **glare** • • **gaze** •

a look/glance **at** sb/sth

a **hard** look/glance/stare/glare/gaze

a **cold/penetrating/piercing/curious/quizzical** look/glance/stare/gaze

have/get/take a look/glance/glimpse

2. C, usually sing.

- Take a close look at the facts.

consideration • • **thought** •

(a) **serious/careful** consideration/thought/look

give sth some consideration/some thought/a look

3. C, usually sing.

- Have a look downstairs for your keys.

search • • hunt •

a look/search/hunt **for** sb/sth

4. C

- He gave me a funny look

expression • • face •

a look/an expression **of** amazement/disbelief/horror, etc.

a look/an expression **on** sb's face

a look/an expression **in** sb's eyes

a/an **happy/sad/troubled/angry/stern/serious** look/expression/face

Look or expression? Your **expression** is usually a reflection of what you happen to be thinking or feeling at any particular moment; a **look** is either the expression that happens to be in your eyes, or it can be a way of deliberately communicating a thought or feeling to a particular person: you can **give** or **throw** sb a look or **exchange looks** with sb.

5. C, usually sing. (also looks pl.)

- It's going to rain today by the look of it.

appearance • • air •

(a) **striking/distinctive** look/looks/appearance

have a ...look/appearance/air

improve/like sb/sth's look/looks/appearance

Look, looks or appearance ? Appearance is used about how sb/sth seems in contrast to how they really are; it is also used about how people make themselves look attractive

- To all appearances he was dead.
- She was always very particular about her appearance.

Look is used especially in the phrases **by the look of it/him/her, etc.** and **(not) like the look of sb**

- I don't like the look of that guy (= I don't trust him, judging by his appearance).

Looks usually means 'physical appearance'

- She has her mother's good looks.

6. sing.

- The punk look is in again.

fashion • • style • • trend • |written vogue •

a **new** look/fashion/style/trend/vogue

the **latest** look/fashion/style/trend

create a look/style/trend/vogue

Example Bank:

- A panicked look crossed his face.
- A withering look from his wife silenced him.
- All the men sport rock star looks.
- By the looks of it, someone's already staying in this room.
- Did you get a look at his new car?
- Have a look out of the window and see who's at the door.
- He caught her look, and shrugged.
- He darted her a look of contempt.
- He gave me a funny look.
- He had classic good looks.
- He opened the door with a scornful look on his face.
- He still had a youthful look about him.
- His comment was greeted by a puzzled look.
- I didn't like the look of the salad so I didn't touch it.
- I got a black look from Amy.
- I had a brief look through the report before the meeting.
- I had a furtive look in her bag when her back was turned.
- I had a look for websites on Egyptian music, but didn't find anything.
- I managed to steal a look at the exam paper.
- I think it's time to take a fresh look at our sales techniques.
- I was given a stern look by a plainclothes policeman.
- If you take a look over the past few years, it's not unusual.
- In this issue we show you how to create a signature look for yourself.
- Jessica feigned a stern look.
- Joe isn't getting much sleep from the look of him.
- My relatives gave me quizzical looks when I told them the news.
- Sara returned his look with one of her own.
- She chanced a look behind her.
- She couldn't resist a quick look in the mirror.
- She decided the property warranted a second look.
- She had a puzzled look in her eyes.
- She threw him a dirty look.
- She walked out of the door without a backward look.
- She wanted a modern clean look for the apartment.
- She's lost her looks.

- Take a closer look at it.
- Take that smug look off your face before I slap you!
- The authors take an in-depth look at topical money issues.
- The book concludes with a look towards the future.
- The book takes a humorous look at parenthood.
- The book takes a nostalgic look at the golden age of steam trains.
- The classic look never goes out of fashion.
- The documentary provides an inside look at life in the army.
- The finished look is perfect for any special party.
- The guilty look on his face told us all we needed to know.
- The jury is expected to get a first-hand look at the murder scene today.
- The man had a wild look in his eyes.
- The products have a distinctive look.
- The two girls exchanged knowing looks.
- These tours offer a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the TV show.
- They exchanged meaningful looks.
- They had worried looks on their faces.
- They've given the place a completely new look this year.
- This is an interesting look at Soviet foreign policy.
- Tonight, a revealing look at the King of Pop's thrilling rise to stardom.
- Use high-quality paper to give your CV a more professional look.
- We had a good look around the old town on the first day of our holiday.
- We need to take an overall look at the situation.
- We used a computer to help us achieve this three-dimensional look.
- You can complete that sophisticated look with make-up and accessories.
- You should take a long, hard look at your reasons for wanting to join the army.
- a behind-the-scenes look at the movie
- a classic look that is easy to update
- a fabric with the look of silk
- his clean-cut, boyish good looks
- the overall look of the house
- A look passed between them.
- He didn't like the look in her eyes.
- I don't like the look of that guy.
- I like the classic look.
- I think this could do with another look, don't you?
- It's an interesting place. Do you want to take a look around?
- It's going to rain today by the look of it.
- One look at his face and Jenny stopped laughing.
- She said she was aiming for a more sophisticated look.
- Take a look at these figures!
- The punk look is in again.
- We need to take a long hard look at all the facts.
- We'll be taking a close look at the proposals.
- We've had a good look around downstairs, but can't find your keys.

exclamation used to make sb pay attention to what you are going to say, often when you are annoyed

- Look, I think we should go now.
- Look, that's not fair.

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Old English *lōcian* (verb), of West Germanic origin; related to German dialect [lugen](#).

look

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1. **look**¹ **S1 W1** /lʊk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Language: Old English; Origin: locian]

1. **SEE** [**intransitive**] to turn your eyes towards something, so that you can see it:

- We sneaked out while Jessie's mom wasn't looking.
- If you look carefully you can see that the painting represents a human figure.
- Gina covered her eyes, afraid to look.

look at

- 'It's time we left,' Ian said, looking at his watch.
- The men all turned to look at her as she entered the room.

look away/over/down etc

- Dad looked up from his paper and smiled.
- 'We can't go out in this weather,' said Bob, looking out of the window.

2. **SEARCH** [**intransitive**] to try to find something:

- I looked everywhere but Jimmy was nowhere to be found.

look for

Could you help me look for my contact lens?

If you're looking for a bargain, try the local market.

look in/under/between etc

Try looking under the bed.

3. SEEM [linking verb] to seem:

From the way things look at the moment, the Republicans are unlikely to win this election.

look good/bad etc

The future's looking good.

it looks as if/as though/like (=it seems likely that)

It looks as if it might rain later.

It looks like they won't be needing us any more.

You made me look really stupid in front of all my friends!

4. APPEARANCE [linking verb] to have a particular appearance:

How do I look?

look tired/happy/sad etc

You look tired. You should go to bed.

look as if/as though/like

He looked as if he hadn't washed for a week.

What did the man look like?

My sister doesn't look anything like me. ⇒ **look like a million dollars** at ↑million(4)

5. look daggers at somebody *informal* to look at someone with a very angry expression on your face

6. look somebody up and down to look at someone carefully from their head to their feet, as if you were forming an opinion about them

7. look somebody in the eye to look directly at someone when you are speaking to them, especially to show that you are not afraid of them or that you are telling the truth:

Owen didn't dare look his father in the eye.

8. look down your nose at somebody/something to behave as if you think that someone or something is not good enough for you:

He looks down his nose at anyone foreign.

9. look the other way to ignore something bad that is happening and not try to stop it:

Prison guards looked the other way as the man was attacked by fellow prisoners.

10. look no further used to say that something you are offering is exactly what someone has been trying to find:

Want a quiet country retreat for your weekend break? Then look no further!

11. FACE A DIRECTION [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if a building looks in a particular direction, it faces that direction:

The cabin looks east, so we get the morning sun.

12. look before you leap used to say that it is sensible to think about the possible dangers or difficulties of something before doing it

13. be looking to do something *informal* to be planning or expecting to do something:

We're looking to buy a new car early next year.

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SPOKEN PHRASES

14. look

a) used to tell someone to look at something that you think is interesting, surprising etc:

Look! There's a fox!

b) used to get someone's attention so that you can suggest something or tell them something:

Look. Why don't you think about it and give me your answer tomorrow?

Look, I've had enough of this. I'm going home.

15. look out! used to warn someone that they are in danger **SYN watch out:**

Look out! There's a car coming.

16. look at that! used to tell someone to look at something that you think is interesting, bad etc:

Look at that! What a horrible mess!

17. look who's here! used when someone arrives unexpectedly:

Well, look who's here! It's Jill and Paul!

18. don't look now used to say that you have seen someone but do not want them to know you have noticed them:

Oh no! Don't look now but here comes Tony.

19. look what you're doing/look where you're going etc used to tell someone to be careful:

Look where you're putting your feet! There's mud all over the carpet!

20. look what you've done! used to angrily tell someone to look at the result of a mistake they have made or something bad they have done:

Look what you've done – my jacket's ruined!

21. look here *old-fashioned* used to get someone's attention in order to tell them something, especially when you are annoyed with them:

Look here, you can't say things like that to me!

22. (I'm) just looking used when you are in a shop, to say that you are only looking at things, but do not intend to buy anything now:

'Can I help you?' 'No, thanks. I'm just looking.' ⇒ **look kindly on somebody/something** at ↑kindly¹(3)

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• **look** to turn your eyes towards someone or something, so that you can see them: You should never look directly at the sun. | After a while, he turned and looked at me.

• **have/take a look** *especially spoken* to look at something quickly, especially in order to find or check something: I'll have a

look in my desk. | Take a look at this!

- **glance** to look at someone or something for a short time and then look quickly away: Damien glanced nervously at his watch.
- **peek/peep** (also **take a peek/peep**) to look quickly at something. Used especially when you are not supposed to look, or when you are looking through a small gap: The door was open so he peeked inside. | Katy peeped at her birthday present on the table.
- **peer** to look very carefully, especially because you cannot see well: Kenji was peering at the screen.
- **glare** to look at someone in an angry way: She glared at me as I got up to leave.
- **stare** to look at someone or something for a long time without moving your eyes: It's rude to stare. | She stared straight into the camera.
- **gaze** to look at someone or something for a long time, often without realizing that you are doing it: She gazed out of the window. | He lay on his bed gazing at the ceiling.
- **gape** to look at someone or something for a long time, usually with your mouth open, because you are very shocked or surprised: People gaped at him with wide-open mouths.
- **regard formal** to look at someone or something, especially in a particular way: He regarded her steadily.

look after somebody/something *phrasal verb especially British English*

1. to take care of someone by helping them, giving them what they need, or keeping them safe **SYN take care of**:

- " Don't worry, I'll look after the kids tomorrow.
- " Susan looked after us very well. She's an excellent cook.
- " You could tell that the horse had been well looked after.

2. to be responsible for dealing with something **SYN take care of**:

- " I'm leaving you here to look after the business until I get back.

3. **look after yourself** *especially British English spoken* used when you are saying goodbye to someone in a friendly way

4. **can look after yourself** to not need anyone else to take care of you:

- " Don't worry about Maisie – she can look after herself.

look ahead *phrasal verb*

to think about and plan for what might happen in the future:

- " Looking ahead, we must expect radical changes to be made in our system of government.

look around (also look round *British English*) *phrasal verb*

1. to try to find something

look around for

- " Jason's going to start looking around for a new job.

2. **look around/round (something)** to look at what is in a place such as a building, shop, town etc, especially when you are walking:

- " Do we have to pay to look around the castle?
- " Let's look round the shops.

look at somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to turn your eyes towards someone or something, so that you can see them:

- " The twins looked at each other and smiled.

2. to read something quickly in order to form an opinion of it:

- " I really can't comment on the report – I haven't had time to look at it yet.

3. to examine something and try to find out what is wrong with it:

- " You should get the doctor to look at that cut.
- " Can you look at my car? There's a strange noise coming from the front wheel.

4. to study and think about something, especially in order to decide what to do:

- " We need to look very carefully at ways of improving our efficiency.

5. **look at somebody/something** *spoken* used to mention someone or something as an example:

- " You don't have to be smart to be good at music – look at Gary.

6. to think about something in a particular way **SYN see**:

- " I'd like to be friends again, but Richard doesn't look at it that way.

7. **not much to look at** *informal* if someone or something is not much to look at, they are not attractive

look back *phrasal verb*

1. to think about something that happened in the past

look back on/to

- " When I look back on those days I realize I was desperately unhappy.
- " Looking back on it, I still can't figure out what went wrong.

2. **never look back** to become more and more successful, especially after a particular success:

- " After winning the scholarship he never looked back.

look down on somebody/something *phrasal verb*

to think that you are better than someone else, for example because you are more successful, or of a higher social class than they are:

- " Mr Garcia looks down on anyone who hasn't had a college education.

look for somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to try to find something that you have lost, or someone who is not where they should be **SYN search for**:

- " I'm looking for Steve – have you seen him?
- " Detectives are still looking for the escaped prisoner. ⇨ ↑[search²\(1\)](#)

2. **be looking for somebody/something** to be trying to find a particular kind of thing or person:

- " I'm sorry, we're really looking for someone with no family commitments.

be (just) what/who you are looking for

- " 'Salubrious!' That's just the word I was looking for.

3. **be looking for trouble** *informal* to be behaving in a way that makes it likely that problems or violence will happen:

They walked into a bar looking for trouble.

look forward to something *phrasal verb*

to be excited and pleased about something that is going to happen:

I'm really looking forward to our vacation.

look forward to doing something

My mother says she's looking forward to meeting you.

look in *phrasal verb informal*

to make a short visit to someone, while you are going somewhere else, especially if they are ill or need help **SYN drop in, call in**

look in on

I promised to look in on Dad and see if he's feeling any better.

look into something *phrasal verb*

to try to find out the truth about a problem, crime etc in order to solve it **SYN investigate**:

Police are looking into the disappearance of two children.

look on *phrasal verb*

1. to watch something happening, without being involved in it or trying to stop it ⇒ **onlooker**:

Only one man tried to help us, the rest just looked on in silence.

2. **look on somebody/something** (also **look upon somebody/something**) to consider someone or something in a particular way, or as a particular thing

look on as

I look on him as a good friend.

look on with

Strangers to the village are looked upon with a mixture of fear and suspicion.

look something ↔ out *phrasal verb*

to search for and find a particular thing among your possessions:

I'll look out some of my old books for you.

look out for somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to pay attention to what is happening around you, so that you will notice a particular person or thing if you see them ⇒ **lookout**:

Look out for your Aunt while you're at the station.

He's looking out for a nice apartment downtown.

2. to try to make sure that someone is treated well:

My older brother always looked out for me when we were kids.

look out for yourself/number one (=think only of the advantages you can get for yourself)

look something/somebody ↔ over *phrasal verb*

to examine something or someone quickly, without paying much attention to detail:

Do you have a few minutes to look these samples over?

look round *phrasal verb British English*

to ↑look around

look through somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to look for something among a pile of papers, in a drawer, in someone's pockets etc **SYN go through**:

I've looked through all my papers but I still can't find the contract.

2. to not notice or pretend to not notice someone you know, even though you see them

look straight/right through somebody

I saw Fiona in the street yesterday and she looked straight through me.

look to somebody/something *phrasal verb*

1. to depend on someone to provide help, advice etc

look to somebody/something for

We look to you for support.

look to somebody to do something

They're looking to the new manager to make the company profitable.

2. to pay attention to something, especially in order to improve it:

We must look to our defences.

look up *phrasal verb*

1. if a situation is looking up, it is improving **SYN improve, get better**:

Now the summer's here things are looking up!

2. **look something ↔ up** if you look up information in a book, on a computer etc, you try to find it there:

Look the word up in your dictionary.

I'll just look up the train times.

3. **look somebody ↔ up** to visit someone you know, especially when you are in the place where they live for a different reason:

Don't forget to look me up when you come to Atlanta.

look up to somebody *phrasal verb*

to admire or respect someone:

I've always looked up to Bill for his courage and determination.

II. **look**² **S1 W1** *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. **LOOK AT** [countable usually singular] an act of looking at something

have/take a look (at somebody/something)

Let me have a look at that – I think it's mine.

Take a good look at the photo and see if you recognize anyone in it.

I took one look at the coat and decided it wasn't worth £50.

have/take a look around (also have/take a look around) *British English* (=look at all the things in a particular place)

" I have a special interest in old houses. Do you mind if I take a look around?

2. **EXPRESSION** [countable] an expression that you make with your eyes or face

give somebody a look

" Mike gave him such a severe look he didn't dare argue.

" Why has Jake been giving me dirty looks (=unfriendly looks) all morning?

3. **CONSIDER** [singular] an act of examining something and thinking about it

have/take a look (at somebody/something)

" Have you had a chance to take a look at my proposal yet?

" I asked the vet to have a quick look at the puppies as well.

" It's time to take a fresh look at the old problem of low pay.

" This month, take a long hard look (=examine very carefully) at where your money is going.

4. **SEARCH** [singular] an attempt to find something:

" I can't find them anywhere. Have a look yourself.

" She had a good look (=searched carefully) through the files.

5. **APPEARANCE** [countable usually singular] the appearance that someone or something has:

" The area has a very seedy look to it.

" Mr Flynn had a tired, ill look in his eyes.

not like the look of somebody/something (=think that something bad has happened or will happen because of something's appearance)

" We should turn back now. It's getting dark and I don't like the look of those rain clouds.

6. **WAY SOMETHING SEEMS** [countable] the way something seems to be:

" The neighbours are back from holiday by the looks of it (=that is how it seems).

" I don't like the look of this new policy (=I do not like the way it seems).

7. **BEAUTY looks** [plural] physical attractiveness:

" Fiona's got everything – looks, money and youth.

" You get your good looks from your mother.

" When she lost her looks (=became less attractive) she found it difficult to get work.

8. **FASHION** [singular] a particular style in clothes, hair, furniture etc:

" The hippy look is back again.

9. **if looks could kill** used to say that someone is looking at someone else in a very angry or unfriendly way

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▪ **look** an act of looking at something: Let me have a look at the map. | I took a quick look around the room.

▪ **glance** a quick look at something before looking away again: Susan cast a quick glance at me (=she looked quickly at me). | He could not resist a sidelong glance (=quickly looking to the side) to see what was happening on the other side of the road.

▪ **glimpse** a short look at someone or something in which you do not see them very clearly: Fans were hoping to catch a glimpse of the singer as he left the hotel. | I had only a fleeting glimpse (=a very quick look) of the two men as they ran away.

▪ **gaze** a long steady look: Eddie fixed his gaze on the floor. | She looked up and met his gaze (=looked at him when he was looking at her).

▪ **stare** a long direct look, especially in an unfriendly way or in a way that shows you are surprised: He was watching me with a cold stare. | My cheery 'Good Morning' was met with a blank stare (=a stare which shows no emotion).

▪ **glare** an angry look at someone: She gave him a hostile glare as he entered the room.

▪ **frown** a confused or annoyed look: 'Anyway,' she said with a frown, 'I don't see how there could be a connection.'

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