

The many meanings of look

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DIRECTIONS

The word **look** is printed in bold in every sentence below. Read each group and notice how its meaning shifts — and how the sign changes along with it. Then write your own sentences on the blank lines.

1 WATCH OR LOOK AT

to turn your eyes toward something

- ♦ I can't **look** at that anymore.
- ♦ Don't **look** now, but that man is following us.
- ♦ Let's go take a **look** at her paper.

2 APPEARANCE

how a person seems to others from their face

- ♦ You **look** tired.
- ♦ She certainly does not **look** her age!

3 HOPE OR EXPECT

to wait for something with hope

- ♦ I **look** to hear from you soon.
 - ♦ He **looked** to hear from her.
 - ♦ I **look** to get the promotion.
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4 GETTING ATTENTION

used to interrupt someone or to warn them

- ♦ **Look**, I don't have all day!
 - ♦ **Look** out! You might break it!
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5 SEARCH FOR

to try to find something

- ♦ Where did you **look** for the book?
 - ♦ I had to **look** for my coat this morning.
 - ♦ Will you help me **look** for my keys?
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6 SEEMS LIKE

to appear likely to happen

- ♦ It **looks** like he will run for president.
 - ♦ It **looks** like he will buy a new car.
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7 TAKE CARE OF

to watch over someone

- ♦ Parents **look** after their children.
 - ♦ Will you **look** after the baby for me?
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8 LOOK FORWARD TO

to feel excited about something coming

- ♦ I am really **looking forward to** winter.
 - ♦ I **look forward to** meeting you.
 - ♦ She **looks forward to** the day she graduates.
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9 CHECK OR REVIEW

to examine something carefully

- ♦ Please **look** into that for me.
 - ♦ Would you **look over** my thesis paper?
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10 LOOK UP: RESEARCH

to find information in a book or a list

- ♦ Did you **look up** that word in the dictionary?
 - ♦ Will you **look up** his number for me?
 - ♦ **Look up** the capital of Iowa.
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11 LOOK UP: VISIT

to call on someone while you are in their area

- ♦ Please **look us up** when you come to Michigan.
 - ♦ **Look up** the Fresno Deli if you are ever in the area.
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12 LOOK UP TO: ADMIRE

to respect someone greatly

- ♦ She **looked up to** her oldest brother.
 - ♦ Children should **look up to** their parents.
 - ♦ It is common for children to **look up to** their heroes.
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13 LOOK DOWN ON

to treat someone as less worthy

- ♦ He always **looked down on** her.
 - ♦ You should not **look down on** poor people.
 - ♦ People with disabilities are often **looked down on**.
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14 DEPEND ON

to turn to someone for what you need

- ♦ Children **look** to their parents for love.
 - ♦ Students **look** to their instructors to help them gain knowledge.
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15 LOOK LIKE YOURSELF

to seem healthy and normal again

- ♦ She did not **look** herself after her bout with the flu.
- ♦ He doesn't **look** himself; I wonder if he's sick.

CHALLENGE

Three groups on this sheet are built from the same two little words — *look up* — and they mean three completely different things. Find all three, then write one sentence of your own for each.

THINK ABOUT IT

All fifteen groups use the same English word, but they do not share the same meaning — and in ASL they do not share the same sign. Choose one of your own sentences from each group and be ready to sign it for the class.