

Catch Word #6 - **Look****Transcript**

- Maura: Hello everyone this is Maura...
- Robin: And Robin at Culips.com bringing you the **Catch Word** podcast, that's C-U-L-I-P-S.com.
- Maura: Each podcast we take one word and we talk about its different meanings. We talk about verbs, and nouns, and slang too.
- Robin: We look closely at only one word, and today's word is...
- ...(Music)...
- Maura: **Look!**
- Robin: **Look!** Hey **look!**
- Maura: Yeah, exactly!
- Robin: So, **look** is **to see**, right? It's to use your eyes to examine something.
- Maura: So the first one we can talk about is to **look up**.
- Robin: To **look up**. For example, you tilt your head backwards, point your eyes up and you are **looking up**.
- Maura: Right, you usually **look up** at something, like the ceiling or into the sky.
- Robin: Into the sky. We **look** into the sky. We **look up** into the sky.
- Maura: Robin's always **looking up** into the sky. Daydreaming.
- Maura: So we can also **look up to** a person.
- Robin: Definitely! And what does that mean?
- Maura: It means to admire and respect someone. Who do you **look up to**?
- Robin: I don't know, that's a good question. Who do you **look up to**? Besides me of course.

- Maura: I **look up to** my dad. Because you know, he's a really good person, and I think that's really important. OK.
- Robin: And similarly, we can **look down on** people just as we can **look up to** them. That's the opposite meaning.
- Maura: Right, it's kind of negative. To **look down on** someone means you really don't respect them and you don't think that they're good people. Usually if someone does something bad like...
- Robin: They're violent. You know, people who use a lot of aggression and violence to solve problems. I **look down on** those types of people.
- Maura: Right, me too. So, yes, people who do negative things. You can maybe **look down on** them for something that they've done.
- Robin: Moving on, next...
- Maura: The last one we'll **look at** is **look like**.
- Robin: **Look like**.
- Maura: Yeah, **look like**.
- Robin: You know, you **look like** someone I know.
- Maura: Oh really?
- Robin: Which means that your face resembles somebody that I know.
- Maura: Right, we use that a lot. We could also use it to ask for a description, if I say: "I'm not sure where you live Robin, what does your apartment **look like**?"
- Robin: That's true.
- Maura: Then I'm asking for a description.
- Robin: It's the one with all the rats in it.
- Maura: It's true, I've been there.
- Robin: Haha! I told you never to say that!

- Robin: Maybe I could say that person **looks like** a person who uses violence to solve their problems.
- Maura: Right, right. So if you're asking for a description of someone you would say what they **look like**.
- Robin: So it describes their physical appearance. So, are there any other ones? I think that's about it, eh?
- Maura: No, there's one more.
- Robin: What? Which one's that?
- Maura: To **look forward to**.
- Robin: What are you **looking forward to**?
- Maura: Well I'm **looking forward to** a lot of things, including the spring.
- Robin: Basically, July.
- Maura: Yeah!
- Robin: Alright.
- Maura: So, to **look forward to** something means what?
- Robin: To not be able to wait for that moment in the future. To be anticipating that moment in the future.
- Maura: Right, so yeah, something in the future that you're really excited about and can't wait to happen.
- Robin: Definitely, definitely. And I know you're **looking forward to** our next podcast, but as usual we try to keep our podcasts short. So that's all the time we have for this word this time. If you want to quiz yourself check out our transcripts or read our notes and explanations on our website on Lipservice at www.culips.com.
- Maura: Thanks again for listening. This has been Maura...
- Robin: And Robin at Catch Word for Culips.com.
- Maura: See you later!

Detailed Explanation

Look and See

We mentioned in this episode that **look** is like the verb **see**. The meanings are similar, but each verb is used differently.

Let's **look** at some examples of how **look** and **see** are used differently :

Look up in the sky. Did you **see** the plane?
I was **looking** out the window when I **saw** the guy run by.

To **look** is more like an action. When someone **looks** you can see the person turn their eyes in a certain direction. To **see** is more about what the person is **looking** at.

Like in this example :

I **looked** in the box (what is important is where I look) and I **saw** a cat (what is important is what I see)

We can say both :

She **looked at** a cat.
She **saw** a cat.

But what is the difference?

To **look at** is used when there is an intention to observe something. When we **see** something it may not be intentional. Let's **look** back at the first two examples and you will see how this explanation works :

Look up in the sky. (intentional)
Did you **see** the plane ? (may not be intentional)

I was **looking** out the window (intentional),
when I **saw** the guy run by (not intentional).

And what about the verb **watch**? Send us a question to find out!

A look

We can also use **look** as a noun. To give someone **a look** means the person **looked** at someone in a special way. The kind of special way depends on the situation. It could be **a romantic look** or **a bad look**. **A bad look** can also be called **a dirty look**.

Look up

To **look up** tells us in which direction the person is looking. The person is **looking up**, like up into the sky. That one's easy.

Then we also have to **look up to**, meaning to admire or respect another person. If you imagine a very important or respected person being big, and a person less respected being small. Then this small person must physically **look up to** the bigger, more important person.

But that was just an example. Small people can be important and respected too!

In those examples we were talking about people **looking up**, but we can also say that things are **looking up** and the meaning is different.

We talked about this way to use **look up** in Close Up 3 - Catching Up Part 2. When things **look up** they improve or get better.

Example :

She thought she would never get a job, but then things started **looking up**.

So now things are improving or getting better for her. Generally when something rises or goes up, it is positive, just like in **looking up**.

Look down

Like we said this episode, to **look down** is the opposite of to **look up**. Just like to **look up to** someone is positive, to **look down on** someone is negative. It means that you do not think this a good person. We can also say to **look down upon**.

And just like how **look up** means to physically look in the direction of up, we can also use **look down** to simply mean to look in the direction of down.

Look like

We use this to say one thing **looks like** another thing. This means these two things are similar.

Examples:

My bike **looks like** your bike. (because they are both red)
I didn't know her brother **looked like** his brother. (they both have black curly hair)

We can also say that two things **look alike** and it means the same thing.

My bike **looks like** your bike. OR Our bikes **look alike**.
I didn't know her brother **looked like** his brother. OR
I didn't know that their brothers **looked alike**.

Twins almost always **look like** each other. Twins are brothers or sisters born at the same time from one mother. They often **look a lot alike**.



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Look forward to

This is another expression that we think is important for you to learn! We use it often! To **look forward to** something means that you are excited about a future event.

So we can **look forward to** an event (a noun) and we can also look forward to an action (gerund or ING form of the verb).

Example:

I am **looking forward to** going to the concert next week. (going is a gerund)

She is **looking forward to** the wedding. (the wedding is a noun)

He was really **looked forward to** attending, but unfortunately it was cancelled.
(attending is a gerund)

We cannot say, I am **looking forward** to do something. It is always followed by a noun or the ING form.

Quiz (see the answers at the bottom of this Lipservice)

1. Which “look” expression goes in the blank?

Charlie: _____! What is that flying in the sky?
Chuck: It's probably just a very big pigeon.

- a) Look up
- b) Look down on
- c) Look for
- d) Look up to

2. Which “look” expression goes in the blank?

Chuck: I really respect my boss because he donates a lot of his money and time to charity.
Eddie: You know, I really _____ those types of people.

- a) look up
- b) look up to
- c) look down on
- d) look

3. Which “look” expression goes in the blank?

Sammy: I didn't want to look at his eyes, so I just _____ at the ground.

- a) looked down
- b) look down to
- c) look down on to
- d) looked down on

4. Which “look” expression best describes what Jamal is doing?

Jamal: I can't wait to go to the movies this weekend.

- a) Looking at the weekend.
- b) Looking the weekend.
- c) Looking forward to the weekend.
- d) Looking up to the weekend.

5. Which preposition should go into the blank space?

Tommy: I lost my wallet. I don't know where to look ____ it.

- a) for
- b) to
- c) through
- d) in

Answers: 1.a 2.b 3.a 4.c 5.a

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