

"Look" Phrasal Verbs: Definitions

look after: to take care of a person/animal

- *Would you mind looking after my dog while I'm on vacation?*
 - *I can look after your daughter while you go to the grocery store.*
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look down on: to not respect someone; to have a low opinion of

- *The seniors in school look down on the freshmen. They think they're better than everyone just because they're older.*
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look forward to: to be eager or excited for something; to anticipate an event

- *I'm really looking forward to visiting you this summer!*
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look into: to examine, research, or investigate a situation

- *Police are looking into the fire that destroyed three houses last week.*
 - *I'll look into this problem and get back to you when I find a solution.*
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look out!: means "be careful!"; this is used to warn someone about danger (also: watch out!)

- *Look out! There's a car coming! Don't cross the street yet!*
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look (x) up: to check for the definition of a word (in a dictionary, for example)

- *If you forget the meaning of any of these phrasal verbs, you can look them up in a dictionary or on the internet.*
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look up to: to respect someone (usually an older relative or a famous person) and follow their example

- *You shouldn't smoke cigarettes around your little brother. He looks up to you!*
 - *The basketball player tries to set a good example because so many children look up to him.*
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“Look” Phrasal Verbs: Review

Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these “look” phrasal verbs.

1. Why is there always a puddle of water on the floor? Honey, can you _____ it and figure out what’s causing this, please?
2. _____! There’s a banana peel on the floor! You might slip and fall!
3. He doesn’t have many friends because everyone thinks he _____ on them and treats them disrespectfully. Actually, he’s just shy, but he often comes off* as rude.
4. My little brother really _____ me. He copies everything I do and listens to everything I say. That’s why I try not to say any bad words around him.
5. Can you _____ my pet bird while I go on vacation? You only have to feed him once a day.
6. I forgot what this word means, and I can’t _____ it _____ because I forgot to bring my dictionary.
7. I’m really _____ visiting you next summer and seeing where you live. However, I’m not sure what good hotels are in your area. Could you help me _____ it and book a room, please?

***come off (as)** = to appear in a certain way, to seem a certain way