

English vocabulary - WAYS OF LOOKING

- **look:** give attention to what one is seeing; turn the eyes and see in a certain direction.
Look at that cute baby!
- **see:** use the power of sight.
See! Here she comes!
- **watch:** look at some activity or event; keep one's eyes fixed on something.
*The boys **watched** television all the afternoon.*
- **gaze:** look at something for a long time, in surprise or admiration.
*She **gazed** at him in disbelief when he told her the news.*
- **stare:** look at something for a long time with the eyes wide open.
She was **staring** into space.
- **gawk = gawp:** stare impolitely.
*Many people gathered to **gawp** at the crashed car.*
- **gape:** look at something with one's mouth open.
*She **gaped** at him in surprise.*
- **glance:** have a quick look at something.
*She **glanced** at her watch.*
- **scan:** look quickly at something without careful reading.
*He **scanned** the newspaper over breakfast.*
- **glare:** stare angrily or fiercely.
*She didn't answer, but just **glared** silently at me.*
- **glower:** look very angry, annoyed or threatening.
*You don't need to **glower** at me like that; you know the rules!*
- **peer:** look very carefully, as if not able to see well.
*He **peered** at me over his spectacles.*
- **peep:** look quickly and cautiously.
*He was caught **peeping** through the keyhole.*
- **observe:** watch carefully.
*The police **observed** the man entering the bank.*
- **glimpse:** have a passing view of something or someone. Usually used in the expression to catch a **glimpse** of.
He could catch a glimpse of the president among the crowd.
- **spot:** recognize someone suddenly among many others.
*He was **spotted** by the police boarding a plane for Berlin.*
- **behold:** old use of the verb to see.
***Behold** the king!*

- **view:** (technical) look thoroughly; regard, consider.
*That film hasn't been **viewed** by the censor yet.*
- **sight:** see for the first time.
*The men in the ship finally **sighted** land.*
- **leer:** look in an unpleasant way, suggesting ill will or lust.
*The man **leered** at the young girl.*
- **blink:** shut and open the eyes quickly.
*How long can you stare without **blinking**?*
- **wink:** close one eye briefly, as a signal to somebody.
*He **winked** at me to show that he was just joking.*
- **frown:** look in a worried or angry way, moving down the eyebrows together.
*He read the telegram, **frowning** at its contents.*
- **scowl:** frown angrily.
*She was very angry and **scowled** at him while she talked.*
- **squint:** look with eyes half shut or turned sideways, or through a narrow opening.
*She **squinted** through the letter-box and saw an envelope.*
- **peek:** look quickly and secretively.
*She found her brother **peeking** at her diary.*
- **ogle:** look or stare (at a woman) suggesting sexual interest.
*Most women hate being **ogled** at.*
- **goggle:** look with the eyes wide open in surprise or shock. (old-fashioned)
*People were **goggling** at her as if she were from another planet.*
- **eyeball:** look directly or closely.
*Francis **eyeballed** a beautiful woman at the party.*
- **take a gander at something:** (informal) look at something.
- **cast an eye on/over something:** look at something, examine something.
- **browse:** look through the pages of a book or magazine; look at the goods in a shop without really wanting to buy anything.
*Sheila spent all the afternoon **browsing** the boutiques.*
- **scrutinize:** examine thoroughly and carefully.
*John **scrutinized** the painting at the museum.*