

Look (at) and look (good) ★★★

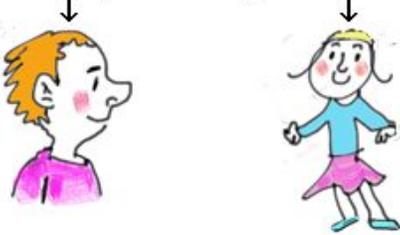
(★ = Basic ★★ = Intermediate ★★★ = Advanced)

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(read this)

SUBJECT¹ and OBJECT¹: **different people**
SUBJECT¹ and COMPLEMENT¹: **the same person**

Harvey is looking at Susie



The SUBJECT¹, **Harvey**, is **not** the same person as the OBJECT¹, **Susie**.

Susie looks good



The SUBJECT¹, **Susie** is the same person as the COMPLEMENT¹, **good (Susie)**.

Advanced ★★★

Look in sentence 2 is a COPULA¹. like *be, become, get, go, turn...*

There is a small group of verbs, sometimes called “verbs of bodily sensation”, which can function as dynamic verbs or copulas:

dynamic verb	copula
<i>see / look at / watch someone</i>	<i>they look good</i>
<i>hear / listen to music</i>	<i>it sounds clear</i>
<i>taste the soup</i>	<i>it tastes good</i>
<i>smell the flowers</i>	<i>they smell nice</i>
<i>feel the cloth</i>	<i>it feels soft</i>

Worksheet

(do this)

Insert the right form of one of these words in each blank:

look look at

1a I was _____ Sam's new car.

1b It _____ stunning.

2a “Come and have a _____ this furniture.”

2b “I think it _____ amazing.”

3a “What do you think the new office _____ like?”

3b “I didn't have time to _____ it yesterday, I'll try and go today.”

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4a “Your new book _____ really good!”

4b “I was _____ it in the bookshop.”

4c “But I couldn't _____ your earlier books anywhere.”

5a I _____ Jasmine in the distance.

5b She didn't _____ well.

5c I _____ her eyes, and saw that they were yellow. She had jaundice.

For **look at** and **watch**, see GB 63

For **see, look at** and **watch**, see GB 64

For four meanings of **see**, see GB 66

For **hear, listen** and **sound**, see GB 67

For more on vbs of bodily sensation, see GB 68

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