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Stop using the word LOOK

(Part 3)

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Hi, everyone! I'm Georgiana, founder of **SpeakEnglishPodcast.com**. My mission is to help you to speak English fluently.

Today you will learn how to replace the word "**look**" in a sentence if you want to be more concise. I'll give you an example, depending on the context. In the previous episodes, I gave several examples of terms or expressions that you may use instead of "look". So make sure that you listen to the earlier episodes as well.

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We'll start with the word to **scan**.

1)To scan

When we look over something quickly we "scan" it.

Let me explain.

Imagine you have to get out of the house, and you're in a hurry. Surprise, surprise, you can't find your keys or your sunglasses. By the way, that never happened to me. I was just kidding. Unfortunately, this occurs to me quite often.

So what do you do in this situation? You start looking for your keys or your sunglasses. Or you could also say that you're **scanning** the room for your keys. Can you see? That's a more precise word to use in this situation.

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We might **scan** a room at a party to see if our friend is there.

Example:

"I **scanned the room to see if Mary was there.**"

"I need to **scan** some diagrams for my PowerPoint presentation."

2)To eye

The thing is that whenever we observe something we use our eyes, so this word is quite straightforward.

We use the word "**eye**" to express our interest in something.

We might **eye** the candies on the table even though we don't want the extra sugar.

Example:

"I have been **eyeing** that cake for hours now but I must resist, since I'm on a diet.

3)To examine

When we "**examine**" something, we inspect it closely.

A doctor might examine your body to make sure that you are healthy.

Example:

"Whenever I got a cut my mom **examined** it and then cleaned it for me."

4) To peer

When you can't see something completely because your vision is obstructed, we can say that you are **peering** at it.

Examples:

"The girl was jumping up and down trying to **peer** out the window."

"George carefully **peered** inside the box."

5) To witness

This word is similar to "watch". It means that you saw something your own eyes, usually an event.

This word is often used in the field of criminal justice to say that someone "**witnessed**" a crime.

Examples:

"A friend told me she **witnessed** a crime last night.

"Jane returned to the **witness** stand. "

POV Story

(improve your grammar)

Great! Let's continue with a point of view story. You will improve your English grammar without memorizing any rules.

I'm going to tell the same story twice, so pay attention to the different grammar points. It is a technique that I use in my [courses](#). You just have to listen and enjoy the story.

Ok! Let's start!

I'll tell the story in the **present tense**:

It's almost Christmas, and Emma and her six-year-old daughter go shopping at a mall.

As they walk, the little girl, who is holding her mother's hand, **eyes** a beautiful cake in a shop window.

At the same time, Emma **peers** in a sophisticated fashion store.

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She immediately goes inside to **examine** the new seasonal dresses.

After a few moments, Emma realizes that her daughter is no longer at her side.

She quickly **scans** the store but can't find her daughter.

Emma is so worried about not finding her daughter that she has an expression on her face as if she **witnessed** a crime.

Finally, Emma finds her daughter in the bakery. She is inside contemplating that delicious cake.

So Emma and her daughter eat a big slice of that cake and enjoy their time together.

Let's listen to the same story in the past tense:

Just before Christmas, Emma and her six-year-old daughter went shopping at a mall.

As they walked, the little girl, who was holding her mother's hand, saw a beautiful cake in a shop window.

At the same time, Emma **eyed** at a sophisticated fashion store.

She immediately went inside to **examine** the new seasonal dresses.

After a few moments, Emma realized her daughter was no longer at her side.

She quickly **scanned** the store but couldn't find her daughter.

Emma was so worried about not finding her daughter that she had an expression on her face as if she **witnessed** a crime.

Finally, Emma found her daughter in the bakery. She was inside contemplating that delicious cake.

So Emma and her daughter ate a big slice of that delicious cake to celebrate their time together.

O.K., this is the end of this point of view story. Have you seen the power of the point of view technique? We have checked a lot of grammar by
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merely using the same story. It's very easy to compare the different structures because you compare them in parallel.

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Well, that's it for today.
Take care! Bye! Bye!



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