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Episode #110

Stop using the word LOOK

(Part 2)

Hi, dear students! I'm Georgiana, founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. My mission is to help you to speak English fluently. Speaking English is way easier when you use the right material and techniques.

Let's talk again about the repetitive use of the word "**look**." Seriously, you gotta **stop using the word "look"** all the time. There are many more words that you can use instead. I will help you to choose the right one depending on the context.

Therefore, today, I will continue to enrich your vocabulary and help you to sound more like a native English speaker.

And with a point of view story, you will practice your English speaking and you will learn grammar without memorizing any rules.

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Ok! Let's learn some new words that replace the word "look."

#1) To watch

We'll start with the word "to watch."

Many students confuse "**watch**" with "**see**," so I will take a closer look at the difference between these two terms.

Two weeks ago, in episode #108, we saw that we use "**see**" to express the ability to discern visually. You are aware of your surroundings by using your eyes.

We use the term "**watch**" when we observe something happening in front of us or on television, for example.

However, we don't need to participate in what we see actively.

Examples:

"Last night, I **watched** TV until 2 am."

"As a kid, I always liked to **watch** a plane take off."

"My friend Rachel and I **watched** a movie last night."

#2) To view

We continue now with "**view**."

For instance, you can **view** a presentation or a movie.

But if we want to be specific, we'll use "**view**" mostly when we're looking at something up close and examining it.

Examples:

"Before you buy a property, make sure to **view** it a few times."

"We're excited **to view** your summer collection."

"I normally **view** situations objectively, especially when it comes to business."

#3) To Spot

We can use the word to spot literally or figuratively.

And what happens when you find something?

When you find something you are looking for, we can say that you have **spotted** it.

For example, you may **spot** a stain on a shirt.

Examples:

"I know him so well that I could **spot** him even among a large crowd."

"I'm not sure if it's easy to **spot** a cheap imitation."

"Unfortunately, you failed to **spot** the error. "

#4) To Stare

Another word you could use in order to replace "look" is "**stare**."

"**Stare**" is similar to "glare," but we don't necessarily use it in a negative situation.

For example, when you have a crush on someone, you might spend all day **staring** at them.

And if you have a pet, you might have already noticed how they stare at you whenever they are hungry.

Examples:

"Stop **staring** at me like that! You're making me uncomfortable."

"We all **stared** at the beautiful girl next door."

"If you want to **stare** at him, at least don't make it so self-evident."

#5) To inspect

When you "**inspect**" something, you take an active role in examining something. Let's say that you **inspect** a house before you buy it. You can also **inspect** your friend's house, to get some decorating ideas.

Example:

"You must **inspect** the vehicle before you purchase it."

#6) To gaze

This is another word you can use to replace the word "look."

We use the word "**gaze**" when we are admiring something or someone.

When you "**gaze**," you usually look at someone/something for a long time.

Examples:

"Rachel **gazed** at Tom with admiration as he spoke."

"Bobby spends hours **gazing** out the window, waiting for his dad to come home."

POV Story

(improve your grammar)

Cool! 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.

Let's listen to the story in the **present tense**:

Have you ever heard of Detective Colombo? He is a fictional character and one of the most-**watched** TV shows in the '80s.

And what does this homicide detective do on a typical day?

Well, every time he gets to a crime scene, he inspects the surroundings from a distance, so he can **spot** anything out of the ordinary.

He always **views** every detail objectively since he deals with complex crime scenes.

When he approaches potential suspects, he **stares** at them directly in the eye while he interrogates them.

He meticulously **inspects** all the evidence in great detail, so he always **spots** something others might miss out on.

Finally, once he gathers all the evidence, he **gazes** into the sky, trying to figure out who the bad guy is.

Let's listen one more time the same story in the **past tense**:

Have you ever heard of Detective Colombo? He was a fictional character and one of the most-**watched** TV shows in the '80s.

And what did this homicide detective do on a typical day?

Well, every time arrived at a crime scene, he inspected the surroundings from a distance, so he could **spot** anything out of the ordinary.

He always **viewed** every detail objectively since he dealt with complex crime scenes.

When he approached potential suspects, he **stared** them in the eye while he interrogated them.

He meticulously **inspected** all the evidence in great detail, so he always **spotted** something others missed out on.

Finally, once he gathered all the evidence, he **gazed** into the sky, trying to figure out who the bad guy was.

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 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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