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Powerful Verbs: 'Look'

Verbs are known as doing words. Some verbs are used too much in writing and aren't very interesting. An example of this is 'look'. One way to instantly improve your work is to use a variety of powerful verbs instead.

A thesaurus is a great place to look for words which have the same, or a similar meaning, also known as synonyms. Here are some powerful verb synonyms for 'look':

inspect	glare	glimpse	focus
gaze	scan	watch	spot

Complete the sentences below with the most appropriate synonym from the word box. You may have to change the verb tense.

Katy was walking through the town when she _____ her friend in the distance.

The detective _____ the evidence.

I _____ the page to find the answer to the teacher's question.

We _____ up at the stars in the black, velvet sky.

Paul made himself jump when he caught a _____ of himself wearing the scary mask.

In P.E, our teacher told us to _____ on something to help us balance on one leg.

The old lady _____ at me when my ball flew into her flower bed.

Dad told me to _____ out for nettles on the walk.

Now put 3 of the words from the word box into your own sentences.

Find the word 'look' or 'see' in the thesaurus and write down any other appropriate synonyms below:

Answers

Katy was walking through the town when she **spotted** her friend in the distance.

The detective **inspected** the evidence.

I **scanned** the page to find the answer to the teacher's question.

We **gazed** up at the stars in the black, velvet sky.

Paul made himself jump when he caught a **glimpse** of himself wearing the scary mask.

In P.E, our teacher told us to **focus** on something to help us balance on one leg.

The old lady **glared** at me when my ball flew into her flower bed.

Dad told me to **watch** out for nettles on the walk.