

MÓDULO 05 - LOOK DOWN ON

DEFINITION

To look down on (someone) = to look at someone from a higher position/place; to look at someone as if you were superior to them

- LOOK DOWN ON is INSEPARABLE
- LOOK is a REGULAR verb

LOOK – LOOKED – LOOKED

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Present simple

Ugghh. I hate going out to eat with Mindy! She *looks down on* the **servers** and treats them terribly.

- server/waiters – people who serve you at a restaurant
 - o Server – men or women
 - o Waiter – men
 - o Waitress – woman

2. Present simple + present continuous

Do you believe that there are aliens in outer space *looking down on* us?

3. Simple past

My **sixth-grade** teacher was **the worst**. She *looked down on* us and treated all of us as if we were stupid.

- In the U.S., we use the word “grade” (not year) to describe how far along you are in elementary school and junior high/middle school. However, once you get into high school (which is 4 years), we use the words “freshman year” (9th grade), “sophomore year” (10th grade), “junior year” (11th grade) and “senior year” (12th grade). In college, we also say “freshman year” to talk about our first year, but after that, we usually say “second year of college” or “third year of college,” etc.
- the worst – the superlative form of BAD
 - o That test I took was the worst! – It was terrible!

4. Used to

James *used to look down on* everyone **as if he were** so much better than all of us. I’m really glad to see he has changed.

- We use the expression “as if (subject) were” to talk about hypothetical situations to say “como se fosse”
 - o Mary acts as if she were the boss.
 - o Victor is swinging on that rope as if he were Tarzan!

5. Future (will) + present perfect + present simple

Megan will never change. She *has always looked down on* everyone and that’s why she doesn’t have many friends.

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6. Future tense + present simple

I can't help it. I *will* always *look down on* people who torture animals. I have no respect for this type of person.

- “I can't help it”- I can't control myself.
 - o I tried to avoid arguing about the political situation, but I can't help it.

7. Modals (should)

You *shouldn't look down on* anyone. You don't know what they've been through in life.

8. Conditionals (second conditional)

What would you do if someone *looked down on* you and treated you poorly?

9. Conditionals (conditional)

If he *hadn't looked down on* me my whole life, maybe I'd feel a little more compassionate about his situation. However, I strongly believe that **you reap what you sow**.

- to reap = to collect the harvest; to sow = to plant
 - o An expression that means “Você colhe o que planta”.

PRACTICE

Can you think of a time when someone looked down on you or another person? Where were you? What happened? How did you feel?