

MÓDULO 02 - LOOK FOR

DEFINITION

LOOK FOR - to search for someone or something

LOOK FOR is inseparable (cannot be separated)

LOOK is a regular verb (LOOK - LOOKED - LOOKED)

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Present tense

Let's **go shopping**. I **want to** *look for* some new jeans at **the mall**.

- go shopping (verb) x shopping mall/mall/shopping center (noun)
- want to + verb OR want a (noun) = sounds like "wanna"
 - o I want to go shopping. "I wanna go shopping." (in informal writing, text messages, etc.)
 - o I want a new car. "I wanna new car" (in informal writing, text messages, etc.)

2. Present continuous

He is just *looking for* trouble, ignore him.

3. Past simple

I *looked* everywhere *for* my **glasses**, but I couldn't find them.

- "Glasses" and "jeans" - third person plural.
 - o These glasses ARE too big.
 - o These jeans ARE too tight.
- "A pair of glasses" or "a pair of jeans" - third person singular.
 - o This pair of glasses IS too big.
 - o This pair of jeans IS too tight.

4. Past continuous

What *were* you *looking for* when I **came in**?

- "Come in" is another phrasal verb that means "enter." "Come in" is more commonly used than "Enter."
 - o "Please, come in."
 - o "Please, enter." (this sounds very formal and is not commonly used)

5. Used to

I *used to look for* the best restaurants and hotels in each city that I visited. But now, I **just** get to my destination and go **wherever** is convenient.

JUST X ONLY - most of the time they can be used interchangeably, but there are some slight differences.

- "Just" means not significant, not important, no big deal.
 - o It's just me! Why are you so nervous!

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- “Only” means “no one else” or “nothing else”
 - o I was the only person at the meeting. (no one else was there)
 - o I’m only making pizza tonight. (I’m not making anything else, only pizza)

Question word + ever	It doesn't matter + question word
wherever	it doesn't matter where, any place
whoever	it doesn't matter who, any person
whatever	it doesn't matter what, anything
whenever	it doesn't matter when, any time
however	it doesn't matter how, any way

**Remember the Shakira song? “Whenever. Wherever. We’re meant to be together. I’ll be there and you’ll be near and that’s the deal my dear.”*

6. Future (will)

You won’t need to interview anyone else, **sir**. I am the one you are *looking for*!

- “sir” = a polite way to address a man
- “ma’am” is used for women over the age of 30 or so
- “miss” is used for younger women

7. Present continuous + present perfect

I’m looking for my glasses. Have you seen them?

8. Past perfect

When I found Tatiana’s glasses in her drawer, she said she *had already looked* (for them) in there and hadn’t seen them.

9. Conditionals

If the economy **gets** any worse, I’ll have *to look for* a new job in another country.

- get - change condition or state
 - o get better = improve
 - o get worse = decline

10. Modals (would)

Thank you for helping me *look for* my friend. I would’ve been lost without you.

- After prepositions, we always use the gerund (or a noun)
 - o Thank you **FOR** helping/working/shopping/serving/etc.

■ PRACTICE

What do you look for in a partner?

o I look for someone that is honest, loyal, funny, handsome, beautiful, intelligent, etc.

Or if you are currently single and looking for your perfect mate, you can use the present continuous. What are you looking for in a partner?

o I’m looking for someone that is....