

MÓDULO 02 - LOOK INTO

DEFINITION

LOOK INTO (something) - to investigate (something)

LOOK INTO is inseparable

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

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Present tense

Guards! There's a man **tyed up** in my room! Please *look into* it!

- "Tie up" is another phrasal verb that means to wrap in a rope, cord, etc. It's also a common expression that means "busy and unable to leave"
 - o I'm tied up at work, so I'm going to be late for dinner. - This means that I'm busy with something at work and I can't leave.

2. Present continuous

There are many police officers *looking into* the car crash.

3. Past simple

The doors were all locked, officer. I *looked into* it myself.

4. Past continuous

I told him that you were *looking into* that noise. **Where did you go?**

- "Where did you go?" Sounds like "Wheredja go?"

5. Used to

When you're the parent of a young child, you're *used to looking into* any suspicious silence.

6. Future (will)

I *will look into* your **complaint** immediately.

- complaint (noun) - a statement about something being unsatisfactory
 - o I'd like to file a complaint about the terrible service at this restaurant.
- complain (verb) - to make a statement about things being unsatisfactory; to speak negatively about something.
 - o You complain too much.

7. Present perfect continuous

The police *have been looking into* the **kidnapping** case for over a year now. They said that they won't give up until they find the **missing** little girl.

- kidnap - to take someone against their will (more common with children, but adults can also be kidnapped)
- missing - "disappeared" or "not found."
 - o I always feel sad when I see the pictures of all the missing children at the grocery story.
 - o My files are missing. Someone must have taken them!

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8. Future perfect

Don't worry about the Menendez case. I'll *have already looked into* it for you **by the time** you arrive.

BY THE TIME x WHEN

- WHEN can be used in any verb tense.
- BY THE TIME is used almost always in a perfect tense.
 - o ✓ By the time I got to the party, Sam had already left. (past perfect)
 - o ✓ When I got to the party, Sam had already left. (past perfect)
 - o ✓ I was in the shower when you called. (simple past)
 - o ✗ I was in the shower by the time you called. (simple past - "by the time" cannot be used here)

9. Conditionals (third conditional)

If we *hadn't looked into* that strange sound, we wouldn't have discovered the cat.

10. Modals (would)

Would you mind *looking into* this? I got an email with the wrong flight information and I'd like **to make sure** everything is okay.

- Would you mind + gerund...?
 - o Would you mind turning off the air conditioner?
 - o Would you mind opening the door for me?
- to make sure = to verify; to confirm; to check on someone or something
 - o I'm going to make sure the door is locked. = I'm going to check/confirm/verify that the door is locked.

PRACTICE

Have you ever looked into someone's past?
Has anyone looked into your past?