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# KEY TO THE PRONUNCIATION

THE pronunciations given are those in use in the educated speech of southern England (the so-called 'Received Standard'), and the keywords given are to be understood as pronounced in such speech.

## I. Consonants

b, d, f, k, l, m, n, p, t, v, z have their usual English values

g as in *go* (gəʊ)  
h ... *ho!* (həʊ)  
r ... *run* (rʌn), *terrier* ('tɛrɪə(r))  
(r) ... *her* (hɜ:(r))  
s ... *see* (si:), *success* (sək'ses)  
w ... *wear* (weə(r))  
hw ... *when* (hwen)  
j ... *yes* (jes)

θ as in *thin* (θɪn), *bath* (bɑ:θ)  
ð ... *then* (ðɛn), *bathe* (beɪð)  
ʃ ... *shop* (ʃɒp), *dish* (dɪʃ)  
tʃ ... *chop* (tʃɒp), *ditch* (dɪtʃ)  
ʒ ... *vision* ('vɪʒən), *déjeuner* (deʒəne)  
dʒ ... *judge* (dʒʌdʒ)  
ŋ ... *singing* ('sɪŋɪŋ), *think* (θɪŋk)  
ŋg ... *finger* ('fɪŋgə(r))

(FOREIGN AND NON-SOUTHERN)

ʎ as in It. *serraglio* (ser'raʎo)  
ɲ ... Fr. *cognac* (kɔɲak)  
x ... Ger. *ach* (ax), Sc. *loch* (lox), Sp.  
*frijoles* (fri'xoles)  
ç ... Ger. *ich* (ɪç), Sc. *nicht* (nɪçt)  
ʏ ... North Ger. *sagen* ('za:ʏən)  
c ... Afrikaans *baardmannetjie*  
('ba:rtmanəci)  
q ... Fr. *cuisine* (kɥizin)

Symbols in parentheses are used to denote elements that may be omitted either by individual speakers or in particular phonetic contexts: e.g. *bottle* ('bɒt(ə)l), *Mercian* ('mɜ:(t)ʃɪən), *suit* (s(j)u:t), *impromptu* (ɪm'prɒm(p)tɪʊ), *father* ('fɑ:(ðə(r)).

## II. Vowels and Diphthongs

### SHORT

ɪ as in *pit* (pɪt), *-ness*, *(-nis)*  
ɛ ... *pet* (pet), Fr. *sept* (set)  
æ ... *pat* (pæt)  
ʌ ... *putt* (pat)  
ɒ ... *pot* (pɒt)  
ʊ ... *put* (put)  
ə ... *another* (ə'nʌðə(r))  
(ə) ... *beaten* ('bi:t(ə)n)  
ɪ ... Fr. *si* (si)  
e ... Fr. *bébé* (bebe)  
a ... Fr. *mari* (mari)  
ɑ ... Fr. *bâtiment* (batimɑ̃)  
ɔ ... Fr. *homme* (ɔm)  
o ... Fr. *eau* (o)  
ø ... Fr. *peu* (pø)  
œ ... Fr. *boeuf* (bœf) *coeur* (kœr)  
u ... Fr. *douce* (dus)  
ʏ ... Ger. *Müller* ('mʏlɐr)  
y ... Fr. *du* (dy)

### LONG

i: as in *bean* (bi:n)  
ɑ: ... *born* (bɔ:n)  
ɔ: ... *born* (bɔ:n)  
u: ... *boon* (bu:n)  
ɜ: ... *burn* (bɜ:n)  
e: ... Ger. *Schnee* (ʃne:) *Fähre* ('fɛ:rə)  
a: ... Ger. *Tag* (ta:k)  
o: ... Ger. *Sohn* (zo:n)  
ø: ... Ger. *Goethe* ('gø:te)  
y: ... Ger. *grün* (gry:n)

### NASAL

ɛ̃, æ̃ as in Fr. *fin* (fɛ̃, fæ̃)  
ɑ̃ ... Fr. *franc* (frɑ̃)  
ɔ̃ ... Fr. *bon* (bɔ̃)  
œ̃ ... Fr. *un* (œ̃)

### DIPHTHONGS, etc.

eɪ as in *bay* (beɪ)  
aɪ ... *buy* (baɪ)  
ɔɪ ... *boy* (bɔɪ)  
əʊ ... *no* (nəʊ)  
aʊ ... *now* (naʊ)  
ɪə ... *peer* (pɪə(r))  
eə ... *pair* (peə(r))  
ʊə ... *tour* (tʊə(r))  
ɔə ... *boar* (bɔə(r))  
aɪə as in *fiery* ('fɛəri)  
aʊə ... *sour* (saʊə(r))

The incidence of main stress is shown by a superior stress mark (ˈ) preceding the stressed syllable, and a secondary stress by an inferior stress mark (ˌ), e.g. *pronunciation* (prəˌnʌnsɪˈeɪʃ(ə)n).

For further explanation of the transcription used, see *General Explanations*, Volume I.

# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS SIGNS, ETC.

Some abbreviations listed here in italics are also in certain cases printed in roman type, and vice versa.

a. (in Etym.)	adoption of, adopted from	<i>Bull.</i>	(in titles) <i>Bulletin</i>	Dict.	Dictionary; <i>spec.</i> , the
a (as a 1850)	<i>ante</i> , 'before', 'not later than'				<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
a.	adjective	c (as c 1700)	<i>circa</i> , 'about'	dim.	diminutive
abbrev.	abbreviation (of)	c. (as 19th c.)	century	Dis.	(in titles) <i>Disease</i>
abl.	ablative	<i>Cal.</i>	(in titles) <i>Calendar</i>	Diss.	(in titles) <i>Dissertation</i>
absol.	absolute, -ly	<i>Cambr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Cambridge</i>	D.O.S.T.	<i>Dictionary of the Older</i>
Abstr.	(in titles) <i>Abstract</i> , -s	<i>Canad.</i>	Canadian		<i>Scottish Tongue</i>
acc.	accusative	<i>Cat.</i>	Catalan	Du.	Dutch
Acct.	(in titles) <i>Account</i>	<i>catachr.</i>	catachrestically		
A.D.	<i>Anno Domini</i>	<i>Catal.</i>	(in titles) <i>Catalogue</i>	E.	East
ad. (in Etym.)	adaptation of	<i>Celt.</i>	Celtic	Eccl.	(as label) in Ecclesiastical
Add.	Addenda	<i>Cent.</i>	(in titles) <i>Century</i> , <i>Central</i>		usage;
adj.	adjective	<i>Cent. Dict.</i>	<i>Century Dictionary</i>	Ecol.	(in titles) <i>Ecclesiastical</i>
Adv.	(in titles) <i>Advance</i> , -d, -s	Cf., cf.	<i>confer</i> , 'compare'	Econ.	(in titles) <i>Ecology</i>
adv.	adverb	<i>Ch.</i>	Church		(as label) in Economics;
advb.	adverbial, -ly	<i>Chem.</i>	(as label) in Chemistry;		(in titles) <i>Economy</i> , -ics
Advt.	advertisement		(in titles) <i>Chemistry</i> , -ical	ed.	edition
Aeronaut.	(as label) in Aeronautics;	<i>Chr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Christian</i>	E.D.D.	<i>English Dialect Dictionary</i>
	(in titles) <i>Aeronautic</i> , -al, -s	<i>Chron.</i>	(in titles) <i>Chronicle</i>	Edin.	(in titles) <i>Edinburgh</i>
AF., AFR.	Anglo-French	<i>Chronol.</i>	(in titles) <i>Chronology</i> , -ical	Educ.	(as label) in Education;
Afr.	Africa, -n	<i>Cinemat.</i>			(in titles) <i>Education</i> , -al
Agric.	(as label) in Agriculture;	<i>Cinematogr.</i>	in Cinematography	EE.	Early English
	(in titles) <i>Agriculture</i> , -al	<i>Clin.</i>	(in titles) <i>Clinical</i>	e.g.	<i>exempli gratia</i> , 'for example'
Alb.	Albanian	cl. L.	classical Latin	Electr.	(as label) in Electricity;
Amer.	American	cogn. w.	cognate with		(in titles) <i>Electricity</i> , -ical
Amer. Ind.	American Indian	<i>Col.</i>	(in titles) <i>Colonel</i> , <i>Colony</i>	Electron.	(in titles) <i>Electronic</i> , -s
Anat.	(as label) in Anatomy;	<i>Coll.</i>	(in titles) <i>Collection</i>	Elem.	(in titles) <i>Element</i> , -ary
	(in titles) <i>Anatomy</i> , -ical	<i>collect.</i>	collective, -ly	ellipt.	elliptical, -ly
Anc.	(in titles) <i>Ancient</i>	<i>colloq.</i>	colloquial, -ly	Embryol.	in Embryology
Anglo-Ind.	Anglo-Indian	comb.	combined, -ing	e.midl.	east midland (dialect)
Anglo-Ir.	Anglo-Irish	<i>Comb.</i>	Combinations	Encycl.	(in titles) <i>Encyclopædia</i> , -ic
Ann.	Annals	<i>Comm.</i>	in Commercial usage	Eng.	England, English
Anthrop.	(as label) in Anthropology;	<i>Communic.</i>	in Communications	Engin.	in Engineering
Anthropol.	(in titles) <i>Anthropology</i> , -ical	comp.	compound, composition	Ent.	in Entomology
Antiq.	(as label) in Antiquities;	<i>Compan.</i>	(in titles) <i>Companion</i>	Entomol.	(in titles) <i>Entomology</i> ,
	(in titles) <i>Antiquity</i>	compar.	comparative		-logical
aphet.	aphetic, aphetized	compl.	complement	erron.	erroneous, -ly
app.	apparently	<i>Compl.</i>	(in titles) <i>Complete</i>	esp.	especially
Appl.	(in titles) <i>Applied</i>	<i>Conc.</i>	(in titles) <i>Concise</i>	Ess.	(in titles) <i>Essay</i> , -s
Applic.	(in titles) <i>Application</i> , -s	<i>Conch.</i>	in Conchology	et al.	<i>et alii</i> , 'and others'
appos.	appositive, -ly	<i>concr.</i>	concrete, -ly	etc.	et cetera
Arab.	Arabic	<i>Conf.</i>	(in titles) <i>Conference</i>	Ethnol.	in Ethnology
Aram.	Aramaic	<i>Congr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Congress</i>	etym.	etymology
Arch.	in Architecture	<i>conj.</i>	conjunction	euphem.	euphemistically
arch.	archaic	cons.	consonant	Exam.	(in titles) <i>Examination</i>
Archæol.	in Archæology	const.	construction, construed with	exc.	except
Archit.	(as label) in Architecture;	contr.	contrast (with)	Exerc.	(in titles) <i>Exercise</i> , -s
	(in titles) <i>Architecture</i> , -al	<i>Contrib.</i>	(in titles) <i>Contribution</i>	Exper.	(in titles) <i>Experiment</i> , -al
Arm.	Armenian	<i>Corr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Correspondence</i>	Explor.	(in titles) <i>Exploration</i> , -s
assoc.	association	corresp.	corresponding (to)		
Astr.	in Astronomy	Cotgr.	R. Cotgrave, <i>Dictionnaire of</i>	f.	feminine
Astrol.	in Astrology		<i>the French and English</i>	f. (in Etym.)	formed on
Astron.	(in titles) <i>Astronomy</i> , -ical		<i>Tongues</i>	f. (in subordinate	entries)
Astronaut.	(in titles) <i>Astronautic</i> , -s	cpd.	compound		form of
attrib.	attributive, -ly	<i>Crit.</i>	(in titles) <i>Criticism</i> , <i>Critical</i>	F.	French
Austral.	Australian	<i>Cryst.</i>	in Crystallography	fem. (rarely f.)	feminine
Autobiogr.	(in titles) <i>Autobiography</i> ,	<i>Cycl.</i>	(in titles) <i>Cyclopædia</i> , -ic	fig.	figurative, -ly
	-ical	<i>Cytol.</i>	(in titles) <i>Cytology</i> , -ical	Finn.	Finnish
A.V.	Authorized Version			fl.	<i>floruit</i> , 'flourished'
B.C.	Before Christ			Found.	(in titles) <i>Foundation</i> , -s
B.C.	(in titles) <i>British Columbia</i>			Fr.	French
bef.	before			freq.	frequent, -ly
Bibliogr.	(as label) in Bibliography;			Friss.	Frisian
	(in titles) <i>Bibliography</i> , -ical	dat.	dative	Fund.	(in titles) <i>Fundamental</i> , -s
Biochem.	(as label) in Biochemistry;	D.C.	District of Columbia	Funk or	
	(in titles) <i>Biochemistry</i> , -ical	<i>Deb.</i>	(in titles) <i>Debate</i> , -s	<i>Funk's Stand.</i>	<i>Funk and Wagnalls</i>
Biol.	(as label) in Biology;	def.	definite, -ition	Dict.	<i>Standard Dictionary</i>
	(in titles) <i>Biology</i> , -ical	dem.	demonstrative		
Bk.	<i>Book</i>	deriv.	derivative, -ation	G.	German
Bot.	(as label) in Botany;	derog.	derogatory	Gael.	Gaelic
	(in titles) <i>Botany</i> , -ical	<i>Descr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Description</i> , -tive	Gaz.	(in titles) <i>Gazette</i>
Bp.	Bishop	<i>Devel.</i>	(in titles) <i>Development</i> , -al	gen.	genitive
Brit.	(in titles) <i>Britain</i> , <i>British</i>	<i>Diagn.</i>	(in titles) <i>Diagnosis</i> ,	gen.	general, -ly
Bulg.	Bulgarian		<i>Diagnostic</i>	Geogr.	(as label) in Geography;
		dial.	dialect, -al		(in titles) <i>Geography</i> , -ical

<i>Geol.</i>	(as label) in Geology; (in titles) <i>Geology</i> , -ical	<i>masc. (rarely m.)</i>	masculine (as label) in Mathematics; (in titles) <i>Mathematics</i> , -al	<i>Palaeont.</i>	(as label) in Palaeontology; (in titles) <i>Palaeontology</i> , -ical
<i>Geom.</i>	in Geometry	<i>MDu.</i>	Middle Dutch	<i>pa. pple.</i>	passive participle, past
<i>Geomorphol.</i>	in Geomorphology	<i>ME.</i>	Middle English	(Partridge),	(quoted from) E. Partridge's <i>Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English</i>
<i>Ger.</i>	German	<i>Mech.</i>	(as label) in Mechanics; (in titles) <i>Mechanics</i> , -al	<i>pass.</i>	passive, -ly
<i>Gloss.</i>	Glossary	<i>Med.</i>	(as label) in Medicine; (in titles) <i>Medicine</i> , -ical	<i>pa.t.</i>	past tense
<i>Gmc.</i>	Germanic	<i>med.L.</i>	medieval Latin	<i>Path.</i>	(as label) in Pathology; (in titles) <i>Pathology</i> , -ical
<i>Godef.</i>	F. Godefroy, <i>Dictionnaire de l'ancienne langue française</i>	<i>Mem.</i>	(in titles) <i>Memoir</i> , -s	<i>perh.</i>	perhaps
<i>Goth.</i>	Gothic	<i>Metaph.</i>	in Metaphysics	<i>Pers.</i>	Persian
<i>Govt.</i>	(in titles) <i>Government</i>	<i>Meteorol.</i>	(as label) in Meteorology; (in titles) <i>Meteorology</i> , -ical	<i>pers.</i>	person, -al
<i>Gr.</i>	Greek	<i>MHG.</i>	Middle High German	<i>Petrogr.</i>	in Petrography
<i>Gram.</i>	(as label) in Grammar; (in titles) <i>Grammar</i> , -tical	<i>midl.</i>	midland (dialect)	<i>Petrol.</i>	(as label) in Petrology; (in titles) <i>Petrology</i> , -ical
<i>Gt.</i>	Great	<i>Mil.</i>	in military usage	(Pettman),	(quoted from) C. Pettman's <i>Africanderisms</i>
<i>Heb.</i>	Hebrew	<i>Min.</i>	(as label) in Mineralogy; (in titles) <i>Ministry</i>	<i>pf.</i>	perfect
<i>Her.</i>	in Heraldry	<i>Mineral.</i>	(in titles) <i>Mineralogy</i> , -ical	<i>Pg.</i>	Portuguese
<i>Herb.</i>	among herbalists	<i>MLG.</i>	Middle Low German	<i>Pharm.</i>	in Pharmacology
<i>Hind.</i>	Hindustani	<i>Misc.</i>	(in titles) <i>Miscellany</i> , -eous	<i>Philol.</i>	(as label) in Philology; (in titles) <i>Philology</i> , -ical
<i>Hist.</i>	(as label) in History; (in titles) <i>History</i> , -ical	<i>mod.</i>	modern	<i>Philos.</i>	(as label) in Philosophy; (in titles) <i>Philosophy</i> , -ic
<i>hist.</i>	historical	<i>mod.L.</i>	modern Latin	<i>phonet.</i>	phonetic, -ally
<i>Histol.</i>	(in titles) <i>Histology</i> , -ical	(Morris),	(quoted from) E. E. Morris's <i>Austral English</i>	<i>Photogr.</i>	(as label) in Photography; (in titles) <i>Photography</i> , -ical
<i>Hort.</i>	in Horticulture	<i>Mus.</i>	(as label) in Music; (in titles) <i>Music</i> , -al;	<i>phr.</i>	phrase
<i>Househ.</i>	(in titles) <i>Household</i>	<i>Myst.</i>	<i>Museum</i>	<i>Phys.</i>	physical; (rarely) in
<i>Housek.</i>	(in titles) <i>Housekeeping</i>	<i>Mythol.</i>	(in titles) <i>Mystery</i> in Mythology	<i>Physiol.</i>	Physiology (as label) in Physiology; (in titles) <i>Physiology</i> , -ical
<i>Ibid.</i>	<i>Ibidem</i> , 'in the same book or passage'	<i>N.</i>	North	<i>Pict.</i>	(in titles) <i>Picture</i> , <i>Pictorial</i>
<i>Icel.</i>	Icelandic	<i>n.</i>	neuter	<i>pl., plur.</i>	plural
<i>Ichthyol.</i>	in Ichthyology	<i>N. Amer.</i>	North America, -n	<i>poet.</i>	poetic, -al
<i>id.</i>	<i>idem</i> , 'the same'	<i>N. &amp; Q.</i>	<i>Notes and Queries</i>	<i>Pol.</i>	Polish
<i>i.e.</i>	<i>id est</i> , 'that is'	<i>Narr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Narrative</i>	<i>Pol. Econ.</i>	(as label) in Politics; (in titles) <i>Politics</i> , -al
<i>IE.</i>	Indo-European	<i>Nat.</i>	(in titles) <i>Natural</i>	<i>Polit.</i>	in Political Economy
<i>Illustr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Illustration</i> , -ted	<i>Nat. Hist.</i>	(in titles) <i>Natural History</i>	<i>pop.</i>	(in titles) <i>Politics</i> , -al
<i>imit.</i>	imitative	<i>Naut.</i>	in nautical language	<i>Porc.</i>	popular, -ly
<i>Immunol.</i>	in Immunology	<i>N.E.</i>	North East	(in titles) <i>Porcelain</i>	possession
<i>imp.</i>	imperative	<i>N.E.D.</i>	<i>New English Dictionary</i> , original title of the <i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> (first edition)	<i>poss.</i>	possessive
<i>impers.</i>	impersonal	<i>Neurol.</i>	in Neurology	<i>Pott.</i>	(in titles) <i>Pottery</i>
<i>impf.</i>	imperfect	<i>neut. (rarely n.)</i>	neuter	<i>ppl. a., pple. adj.</i>	participial adjective
<i>ind.</i>	indicative	<i>NF., NFr.</i>	Northern French	<i>pple.</i>	participle
<i>indef.</i>	indefinite	<i>No.</i>	Number	<i>Pr.</i>	Provençal
<i>Industr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Industry</i> , -ial	<i>nom.</i>	nominative	<i>pr.</i>	present
<i>inf.</i>	infinitive	<i>north.</i>	northern (dialect)	(in titles) <i>Practice</i> , -al	preceding (word or article)
<i>infl.</i>	influenced	<i>Norw.</i>	Norwegian	<i>pred.</i>	predicative
<i>Inorg.</i>	(in titles) <i>Inorganic</i>	<i>n.q.</i>	no quotations	<i>pref.</i>	prefix
<i>Ins.</i>	(in titles) <i>Insurance</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	New Testament	<i>pref., Pref.</i>	preface
<i>Inst.</i>	(in titles) <i>Institute</i> , -tion	<i>Nucl.</i>	Nuclear	<i>prep.</i>	preposition
<i>int.</i>	interjection	<i>Numism.</i>	in Numismatics	<i>pres.</i>	present
<i>intr.</i>	intransitive	<i>N.W.</i>	North West	(in titles) <i>Principle</i> , -s	privative
<i>Introd.</i>	(in titles) <i>Introduction</i>	<i>N.Z.</i>	New Zealand	<i>priv.</i>	probably
<i>Ir.</i>	Irish	<i>obj.</i>	object	<i>prob.</i>	(in titles) <i>Problem</i>
<i>irreg.</i>	irregular, -ly	<i>obl.</i>	oblique	<i>Probl.</i>	(in titles) <i>Proceedings</i>
<i>It.</i>	Italian	<i>obs., obs.</i>	obsolete	<i>Proc.</i>	pronoun
<i>J., (J.)</i>	(quoted from) Johnson's <i>Dictionary</i>	<i>Obstetr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Obstetrics</i>	<i>pron.</i>	pronunciation
<i>(Jam.)</i>	Jamieson, <i>Scottish Dict.</i>	<i>occas.</i>	occasionally	<i>prop.</i>	properly
<i>Jap.</i>	Japanese	<i>OE.</i>	Old English (= Anglo-Saxon)	<i>Pros.</i>	in Prosody
<i>joc.</i>	jocular, -ly	<i>OF., OFr.</i>	Old French	<i>Prov.</i>	Provençal
<i>Jrnl.</i>	(in titles) <i>Journal</i>	<i>OHG.</i>	Old High German	<i>pr. pple.</i>	present participle
<i>Jun.</i>	(in titles) <i>Junior</i>	<i>OIr.</i>	Old Irish	<i>Psych.</i>	in Psychology
<i>Knowl.</i>	(in titles) <i>Knowledge</i>	<i>ON.</i>	Old Norse	<i>Psychol.</i>	(as label) in Psychology; (in titles) <i>Psychology</i> , -ical
<i>l.</i>	line	<i>ONF.</i>	Old Northern French	<i>Publ.</i>	(in titles) <i>Publications</i>
<i>L.</i>	Latin	<i>Ophthalm.</i>	in Ophthalmology	<i>Q.</i>	(in titles) <i>Quarterly</i>
<i>lang.</i>	language	<i>opp.</i>	opposed (to), the opposite (of)	<i>quot(s).</i>	quotation(s)
<i>Lect.</i>	(in titles) <i>Lecture</i> , -s	<i>Opt.</i>	in Optics	<i>q.v.</i>	<i>quod vide</i> , 'which see'
<i>Less.</i>	(in titles) <i>Lesson</i> , -s	<i>Org.</i>	(in titles) <i>Organic</i>	<i>R.</i>	(in titles) <i>Royal</i>
<i>Let., Lett.</i>	letter, letters	<i>orig.</i>	origin, -al, -ally	<i>Radiol.</i>	in Radiology
<i>L.G.</i>	Low German	<i>Ornith.</i>	(as label) in Ornithology; (in titles) <i>Ornithology</i> , -ical	<i>R.C.Ch.</i>	Roman Catholic Church
<i>lit.</i>	literal, -ly	<i>OS.</i>	Old Saxon	<i>Rec.</i>	(in titles) <i>Record</i>
<i>Lit.</i>	Literary	<i>OSl.</i>	Old (Church) Slavonic	<i>redupl.</i>	reduplicating
<i>Lith.</i>	Lithuanian	<i>O.T.</i>	Old Testament	<i>Ref.</i>	(in titles) <i>Reference</i>
<i>LXX</i>	Septuagint	<i>Outl.</i>	(in titles) <i>Outline</i>	<i>refash.</i>	refashioned, -ing
<i>m.</i>	masculine	<i>Oxf.</i>	(in titles) <i>Oxford</i>	<i>refl.</i>	reflexive
<i>Mag.</i>	(in titles) <i>Magazine</i>	<i>p.</i>	page	<i>Reg.</i>	(in titles) <i>Register</i>
<i>Magn.</i>	(in titles) <i>Magnetic</i> , -ism	<i>Palaeogr.</i>	in Palaeography		
<i>Mal.</i>	Malay, Malayan				
<i>Man.</i>	(in titles) <i>Manual</i>				
<i>Managem.</i>	(in titles) <i>Management</i>				
<i>Manch.</i>	(in titles) <i>Manchester</i>				
<i>Manuf.</i>	in Manufacture, -ing				
<i>Mar.</i>	(in titles) <i>Marine</i>				

reg.	regular	str.	strong	<i>Trop.</i>	(in titles) <i>Tropical</i>
rel.	related to	<i>Struct.</i>	(in titles) <i>Structure, -al</i>	<i>Turk.</i>	Turkish
<i>Reminisc.</i>	(in titles) <i>Reminiscence, -s</i>	<i>Stud.</i>	(in titles) <i>Studies</i>	<i>Typogr., Typogr.</i>	in Typography
<i>Rep.</i>	(in titles) <i>Report, -s</i>	subj.	subject		
repr.	representative, representing	<i>subord. cl.</i>	subordinate clause	ult.	ultimately
<i>Res.</i>	(in titles) <i>Research</i>	subseq.	subsequent, -ly	<i>Univ.</i>	(in titles) <i>University</i>
<i>Rev.</i>	(in titles) <i>Review</i>	subst.	substantively	unkn.	unknown
rev.	revised	<i>suff.</i>	suffix	<i>U.S.</i>	United States
<i>Rhet.</i>	in Rhetoric	superl.	superlative	<i>U.S.S.R.</i>	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Rom.	Roman, -ce, -ic	Suppl.	Supplement	usu.	usually
Rum.	Rumanian	<i>Surg.</i>	(as label) in Surgery; (in titles) <i>Surgery, Surgical</i>		
Russ.	Russian	s.v.	<i>sub voce</i> , 'under the word'	v., vb.	verb
S.	South	Sw.	Swedish	var(r), vars.	variant(s) of
<i>S.Afr.</i>	South Africa, -n	s.w.	south-western (dialect)	<i>vbl. sb.</i>	verbal substantive
sb.	substantive	<i>Syd. Soc. Lex.</i>	Sydenham Society, <i>Lexicon of Medicine &amp; Allied Sciences</i>	<i>Vertebr.</i>	(in titles) <i>Vertebrate, -s</i>
sc.	<i>scilicet</i> , 'understand' or 'supply'			<i>Vet.</i>	(as label) in Veterinary Science;
<i>Sc., Scot.</i>	Scottish	syll.	syllable		(in titles) <i>Veterinary</i>
<i>Scand.</i>	(in titles) <i>Scandinavia, -n</i>	Syr.	Syrian	<i>Vet. Sci.</i>	in Veterinary Science
<i>Sch.</i>	(in titles) <i>School</i>	<i>Syst.</i>	(in titles) <i>System, -atic</i>	viz.	<i>videlicet</i> , 'namely'
<i>Sc. Nat. Dict.</i>	<i>Scottish National Dictionary</i>			<i>Voy.</i>	(in titles) <i>Voyage, -s</i>
<i>Scotl.</i>	(in titles) <i>Scotland</i>	<i>Taxon.</i>	(in titles) <i>Taxonomy, -ical</i>	<i>v.str.</i>	strong verb
<i>Sel.</i>	(in titles) <i>Selection, -s</i>	<i>techn.</i>	technical, -ly	<i>vulg.</i>	vulgar
Ser.	Series	<i>Technol.</i>	(in titles) <i>Technology, -ical</i>	<i>v.w.</i>	weak verb
sing.	singular	<i>Telegr.</i>	in Telegraphy		
<i>Sk.</i>	(in titles) <i>Sketch</i>	<i>Teleph.</i>	in Telephony	W.	Welsh; West
Skr.	Sanskrit	(Th.),	(quoted from) Thornton's <i>American Glossary</i>	wd.	word
Slav.	Slavonic			Webster	<i>Webster's (New International) Dictionary</i>
<i>S.N.D.</i>	<i>Scottish National Dictionary</i>	<i>Theatr.</i>	in the Theatre, theatrical		
Soc.	(in titles) <i>Society</i>	<i>Theol.</i>	(as label) in Theology;	<i>Westm.</i>	(in titles) <i>Westminster</i>
<i>Sociol.</i>	(as label) in Sociology;		(in titles) <i>Theology, -ical</i>	WGmc.	West Germanic
	(in titles) <i>Sociology, -ical</i>	<i>Theoret.</i>	(in titles) <i>Theoretical</i>	<i>Wks.</i>	(in titles) <i>Works</i>
Sp.	Spanish	Tokh.	Tokharian	w.midl.	west midland (dialect)
<i>Sp.</i>	(in titles) <i>Speech, -es</i>	tr., transl.	translated, translation	WS.	West Saxon
sp.	spelling	<i>Trans.</i>	(in titles) <i>Transactions</i>		
<i>spec.</i>	specifically	<i>trans.</i>	transitive	(Y.),	(quoted from) Yule &
<i>Spec.</i>	(in titles) <i>Specimen</i>	<i>transf.</i>	transferred sense	<i>Yrs.</i>	Burnell's <i>Hobson-Jobson</i>
St.	Saint	<i>Trav.</i>	(in titles) <i>Travel(s)</i>		(in titles) <i>Years</i>
<i>Stand.</i>	(in titles) <i>Standard</i>	<i>Treas.</i>	(in titles) <i>Treasury</i>		
<i>Stanf.</i>	(quoted from) <i>Stanford Dictionary of Anglicised Words &amp; Phrases</i>	<i>Treat.</i>	(in titles) <i>Treatise</i>	<i>Zoogeogr.</i>	in Zoogeography
		<i>Treatm.</i>	(in titles) <i>Treatment</i>	<i>Zool.</i>	(as label) in Zoology;
		<i>Trig.</i>	in Trigonometry		(in titles) <i>Zoology, -ical</i>

## Signs and Other Conventions

## Before a word or sense

- † = obsolete  
 || = not naturalized, alien  
 ¶ = catachrestic and erroneous uses

## In the listing of Forms

- 1 = before 1100  
 2 = 12th c. (1100 to 1200)  
 3 = 13th c. (1200 to 1300), etc.  
 5-7 = 15th to 17th century  
 20 = 20th century

## In the etymologies

- \* indicates a word or form not actually found, but of which the existence is inferred  
 :- = normal development of

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.. indicates an omitted part of a quotation.

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**look** (luk), *sb.* Forms: 2-6 *loke*, 3-5 *lok*, 4, 8-9 *Sc. luke*, (6 *lowke*), 6-7 *looke*, 8-9 *Sc. leuk*, 5-*look*. [*f.* LOOK *v.*]

1. *a.* The action or act of looking; a glance of the eyes; a particular direction of the eyes or countenance in order to look at something. †Also *occas.*, sight, view (quot. 1390). Phr. †to *have* (or *get*) a *look of*: to be looked at by. †to *have* a *look at* (colloq.): to look at for the purpose of examining. †at a *look*: (a) at first sight; (b) in the twinkling of an eye. *if looks could kill* (or *slay*): used to denote an expression of hostility in a look.

1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 215 3if þe hodeð...ledeð hem [women] his life æfen for to sechen hire luke. 1375 *St. Leg. Saints* xvii. (Martha) 46 þe quihik...As þy gregois brynt at a luke. 1386 CHAUCER *Man of Law's T.* 955 At the first look he on hire sette. 1390 *Gower Conf.* III. 179 In alle menes luke A part up in his hond he tok. 1400-50 *Alexander* 5256 Him þoyt hire like at a luke his lady his modire. 1423 *Jas. I. Kingis Q. II.* My luke vnto the hevin I threwe furthwith. 1508 *Dunbar Glos. Targe* 232 Sudsynly, in the space of a luke, All was hyne went. 1597 *Shaks. Two Gent. II.* iv. 108 Too meane a seruante To haue a luke of such a worthy a Mistresse. 1599-1600 *Yen. & Ad.* 464 For looks kill loue, and loue by looks reuieth. 1753 *L. M. Accomplished Woman* II. 125 Their every action is forced; their looks and smiles are all studied. 1798 CHARLOTTE SMITH *Yng. Philos.* III. 120 Medora watched her every look with distressing solicitude. 1807-8 *W. IRVING Salmag.* (1824) 346 Lovely virgins, darting imperial looks of conquest. 1813 *Scott Rokeby* i. xix. One dying look he upward cast. 1885 *MABEL COLLINS Prettiest Woman* II. In the meantime I shall have a look at Warsaw. 1897 *R. BUCHANAN (title)* A look round literature. 1895 *E. BOWEN ROWLANDS in Law Times* XCIX. 464/2 It is at the first look hard to see why [etc.]. 1913 *F. L. BARCLAY Broken Halo* xxviii. 372 If looks could fail, Margaret would not have left that room alive. 1924 *F. HARRIS My Life & Loves* i. ii. 37 When they let me up, I looked at Jones and if looks could kill, he'd have had short shrift. 1943 *K. Tennyson Ride on Stranger* iv. 31 Just then she saw me...and if looks could have killed!

*b.* With epithet denoting the feelings expressed by the look.

It is sometimes difficult to say whether particular instances should be referred to this sense or to 2.

1535 *COVERD.* Pr. xviiiij. 47 Thou shalt...bringe downe the hye looks of the proude. 1567 *MAPLER Gr. Forest* 76 b. She hath alwayes a cheerful look towards him. 1796 *FLEMING Pompeii*. Epist. 281 Hee casting vpon mee a sower visage, and a sterne look. 1833 *J. HAYWARD tr. Biondi's Baniuh d'Virg.* 97 It being not likely that shee should ever get a good looke of her Father. 1886 *tr. Chardin's Coronat. Solymam* 111 There was not one living soul that vouchsaf'd him a kind look. 1793 *Rowe Fair Penit.* i. i. 109 With looks averse, and Eyes that froze me. 1717 *BLACKALL Wks.* (1723) I. 158 True Religion does not consist...in singular Behaviour, in a down Look, in Sighing and Sobbing. 1810 *Scott Lady of L.* III. xii. Roderick, with impatient look. 1833 *Tennyson Dream Fair W.* xxvi. With sick and scornful looks averse. 1883 *R. W. DIXON Memo* iv. iii. 147 And Sir Giroie failed nought of courtesy, And gave to us good looks and welcome greet.

*c.* upon the look: engaged in looking for.

1819 *Byron Juan* II. cxxiv. At last her father's brows put out to sea. For certain merchantmen upon the look.

2. Appearance, aspect.

*a.* With reference to persons, often with mixture of sense 1: Appearance of the countenance (sometimes, of the whole person); visual or facial expression; personal aspect. †of a good look = of good appearance.

1385 CHAUCER *L.G.W.* 1605 *Hyppis*. And of his lok as real as a leoun. 1400 *Arth. & Merl.* 1582 (Lincoln's Inn MS.), þe whyte draugon lay wem by, Steorne of lok and gryly. 1508 *Dunbar Tua maris* iomen 267 Be of your luke like innocencie, thought 36 half eult myndis. 1548 *HALL Chron.* Edw. IV. 37 b. This pallent of visage, and dedly luke doth proude the full time of my death. 1641 *Bible Eccl.* xix. 29 A man may be known by his luke. 1632 *J. HAYWARD tr. Biondi's Eromena* 68 Being the first time that a joyfull luke was seene in that Court, sithence the departure of the Princesse. 1697 *Dryden Virg. Georg.* III. 87 The Mother Cow must wear a low ring Look. 1700 *T. BROWN Museum. Ser. & Com.* 146, I see another Man of a very good Look come into the Circle, and no body takes the least Notice of him. 1724 *Ramsay Vision* II. With bauld forbidding luke. 1748 *Richardson Clarissa* (1811) I. ii. 9 Indeed, gay and lively as he is, he has not the look of an impudent man. 1809 *Malkin Gil Blas* VII. ii. (Ridg.) 228 They had all the look of a deputation from a better world. 1860 *Reade Cloister & H.* xxxviii. (1896) 109 Denys wore a look of humble apology. 1867 *Trollope Chron. Barset* I. xxii. 190 The look of his face as he spoke was by no means pleasant.

*b.* pl. With the same meaning as sing. Sometimes = GOOD LOOKS. Also phr. to be in good looks: to be looking well, to present a healthy appearance.

1564 *Harward Eutropius* II. 15 After they were dead keeping still they grim looks. 1589 *Greene Menaphon* (Arb.) 45 At last her eyes glanced on the looks of Melicertus. 1616 *R. C. Times' Whistle* III. 959 Most of our women are extremely proud of their faire looks. 1697 *Dryden Virg. Georg.* IV. 371 Lean are their Looks, and shagged is their Hair. 1709 *Berkley Th. Vision* 57 We often see shame or fear in the looks of a man. 1724 *London Gaz.* No. 6283/3 Abraham Shaw...aged 38 Years...pale Looks. 1766 *Goldsom. Vic. W.* xxix. When I survey these emaciated looks, and hear those groans. 1786 *Burns The Dog* 225 They...lee-lang nights, wi' crabbit leuks, For ower the deevil's pictur'd beuks. 1788 *Jane Austen Northanger*. Abb. (1833) I. ii. 11 Catherine was in very good looks. 1815 *Emma* I. i. Everybody in their best looks. 1896 *A. E.*

*Housman Shroph. Lad* xxiii. And few that will carry their looks or their truth to the grave.

*c.* Of inanimate and immaterial things: Appearance, esp. as expressive of their quality or nature. Also in pl., esp. in from or by the looks (of).

1567 *MAPLER Gr. Forest* 10 b. A certain vaine of the earth...having the verie luke and face of Golde. 1710 *T. FULLER Pharm. Extemp.* 411 This colourless Symplic...gives no unpleasing colour, nor alters the look of the Medicine in the least. 1716 *BLACKALL Wks.* (1723) I. 84 The beautiful look of the forbidden Fruit. 1754 *Richardson Grandison* II. iv. 40 If you fall I shall have the worst of it, from the looks of the matter. 1782 *Cowper Convers.* 862 Though such continual zigzags in a book, Such drunken reelings, have an awkward look. 1847 *L. HUNT Men, Women, & B.* II. xi. 269 What curious little countenances conspired to give a look even of fabulous and novel-like interest to his adventures. 1875 *Jowett Plato* (ed. 2) V. 27 Life is to wear, as at Athens, a joyous and festive look. 1877 *W. H. RUSSELL Pr. Wales' Tour* viii. 344 There are no minarets, mosques or Hindoo temples, to detract from the European look of the place. 1882 *R. Abercromby in Nature* XXVI. 572 In common parlance, any particular 'look' of the sky is called a prognostic. 1883 *R. CLELAND Inchbracken* iv. 28 It might be e'en a bairn by the looks of 'the bun'! 1893 *'B. M. BOWEN' Parson Bonanza* v. 64 You're just ahead of a big storm, by the looks, Mr. Rayfield. 1973 *J. SYMONS Three Pipe Problem* ix. 65 Acting doesn't pay too well from the looks of it.

*d.* to have a look of: to resemble vaguely, to remind the spectator of the appearance of (a person or thing).

1860 *Emily Eden Semi-attached Couple* II. 62 This picture which I think has a great look of you.

*e.* Colloq. phr. for the look of the thing: for the sake of appearances.

1876 *Trollope Prime Minister* IV. xiii. 217 'I shall go down and vote for them of course,' said Mr. O'Mahony, 'just for the look of the thing.' 1910 *'Saki' Reginald in Russia* 63 He often wished, for the look of the thing, that people would sometimes burn candles at his shrine. 1924 *M. KENNEDY Constant Nymph* xiv. 212 Save for the look of the thing she had no particular wish for a reconciliation. 1940 *L. H. MYERS Pool of Vishnu* iv. v. 191 Why are they willing to die, and to send those whom they love to their death, for the sake of...what shall I call it?...the look of the thing?

1. *Fashion.* With defining word(s): an appearance or effect indicated by the preceding word(s). Occas. without defining word (quot. 1973).

1923 [see *little-girl* attrib. (LITTLE *a.* 14)]. 1939 *Vogue* 15 Apr. 2 (Adv.). Accent on That Fresh Young Look. 1940 *Mademoiselle Mar.* 56 Formold created for you that Tall Look of 1940. 1948 *Vogue* Mar. 41 The New Look has fined down...Length has crystallized into eleven inches from the ground for formal wear. 1966 *Listener* 3 Feb. 17/1 This...the geometrical look is in. 1971 *Daily Mail* 3 Feb. 3 A specially-created hair-style to complete the hot-pants look. 1973 *Sunday Times* 28 Jan. 43/2 The clothes are created on them, and a whole look is painstakingly put together. 1974 *Country Life* 17 Jan. 107/1 The peasant look in knitwear.

3. *Comb.* With advs. forming combs. corresponding to various phrases under the vb., as *look-back*, *down*, *forward*, *on*, *up*; *look-on* net, one of the nets pulled up as a test of the condition of the others.

1597 *Middleton Wisdom of Solomon* xii. 15 Thou orderest every thing with look-on sight. 1823 *L. HUNT in Examiner* 11 Jan. 19/1 He...takes away confidence from their look-up to him. 1850 *HAWTHORNE Scarlet L.* Custom House (1886) 46 A dreary look-forward, this, for a man who [etc.]. 1853 *JERDAN Autobiog.* III. 7 The look-back is wearisome. 1862 *H. MARRIAT Year in Sweden* II. 401 The look-down on the works below...is awful. 1877 *HOLDSWORTH Sea Fisheries* 60 [Drift net fishing]. Whilst the nets are in the water, the warp is occasionally hauled in till the first net is reached; this is called the 'look-on' net. 1887 *HALL CAINE Deemster* I. x. 207 Dan...asked the skipper to try the 'look-on' net.

**look** (luk), *v.* Forms: 1 *lōcan*, 2 *lokien*, (*loean*), (3 *lokin*), (*loky*), 3-4 *loc*, (*locen*), (*locken*), 3-6 *loke*, (4 *loki*), 4-5 *north. luk*, 4-8 *luke*, (5 *lokyn*), 5-6 *Sc. lowke*, 5-7 *looke*, 6 *arch. looken*, *Sc. luke*, *leuk*, *luik*, *luik*, *luik*, 5-*look*. [*OE.* *lōcan* = *OS. lōcan* (in a gloss), *MDu. loeken*:—*OTeut.* type \**lōkōjan*; a form \**lōgājan*, app. of identical meaning, appears in *OHG. luogēn* (MHG. *luogen*, mod.G. dial. *luogen*) to see, look, spy.

*Brugmann (Grundris* I. 384) suggests that the type \**lōkō* may represent *OTeut.* \**lōkō*—*pre-Teut.* \**lōghnā*—*lōghnā*, from the root \**lāgh*—*or* \**lōgh*—(*Teut.* \**lōg*)—represented by the Ger. vb.]

1. To direct one's sight.

*i.* *intr.* To give a certain direction to one's sight; to apply one's power of vision; to direct one's eyes upon some object or towards some portion of space. *a.* with phrase or adv. expressing the direction or the intended object of vision. (See also branches IV and V.)

The usual prep. introducing the object of vision is now at; the older to *look on*, to *look upon*, are in the literal sense either *arch.*, or include a mixture of the notion of mental watching or contemplation.

1000 *Boeth. Metr.* xxii. 20 Efnē swa sweetole swa he on 6a sunnan mæz...on locian. 1200 *Ag. Corp.* Mark vi. 41 He on heofon loodeð & hi bletsode. 1200 *Vices & Virtues* (1888) 47 Ac me pincp 6at to lukest aweiward. 1223 *St. Mark.* 2 Alle hire luoden þat hire on lokeden. 1362 *LANGL. P. Pl.* viii. 123 'Leweð lorel' quoth he 'lute lukestou on þe Bible'. 1380 *Wyclif Sermon*. Sel. Wks. I. 143 Lokynge in þe first myroure. 1400 *Dest.* Troy 865 Achilles

Woundit hym [sc. Ector] wickedly, as he away loked. 1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 393 þe child loked here and here. 1475 *Babes Bk.* 65 And if they speke with yow... Withe stable Eye luke vpon theym Rihte. 1598 *tr. Aristotle's Pol.* 379 Wee forbid them also to looke on leud pictures, or dishonest fables. 1611 *Bible Act* iii. 4 And Peter fastening his eyes vpon him, with Iohn, said, Look on vs. [But look at (fig.) in 2 Cor. iv. 18: see 3 a.] 1666 *Bacon New Atl.* (1900) 3 But the Servant took me not; nor would scarce looke upon them. 1634 *Sir T. Hunsart Trav.* 212 Her finnes so little that they are like the Dodoe wings more to looke at, then for execution. 1688 *BOYLE Final Causes Nat. Things* ii. 61 The caution may look directly forward with the right eye, and with the other at the same time, directly backwards. 1773 *Life N. Froode* 32 Before she could well look upon me, I addressed her. 1797 *Mrs. RADCLIFFE Italian* i. They walked quickly, looking neither to the right nor left. 1830 *Tennyson Mariana* 15 She could not look on the sweet heaven, Either at morn or eventide. 1842 *Lockley Hall* 72 Such a one do I remember, whom to look at was to love. 1860 *Tyndall Glac.* I. xi. 72 We went out to look at the firmament. 1872 *Geo. Eliot Middlem.* I. 205 Every nerve and muscle in Rosamond was adjusted to the consciousness that she was being looked at. 1895 *Pall Mall Mag.* Nov. 393 Such a look as schoolboys exchange when the master is looking another way.

†Phrases. (*fair*, etc.) to *look at*, †*on*, †*upon*: with respect to appearance; to *look at him* (me, it, etc.): *colloq.* = judging from his (my, etc.) appearance; not to *look at* (†*on*, †*upon*); often emphatically for 'not to touch, taste, meddle with'; also, not to *look at* (someone): to find unattractive, to show no sexual interest in (someone); *occas.* in positive contexts; so *cannot look at* (colloq.) = 'has no chance against'; as *quick* (or *soon*) as *look at you* (or *him*, etc.): very rapidly and readily; 'at the drop of a hat'; not to *know which way to look*: to be embarrassed.

1300 *Cursor M.* 2328 Fell dragons and tades bath þat ar upon to lok ful lath. 1400 *Dest.* Troy 1554 Large on to luke, lovely of shap. 1526 *SKELTON Magnyf.* 2208 What wythe thou skelp me? thou dare not luke on a gnat. 1535 *COVERDALE Zech.* v. 6 Euen thus are they (y<sup>e</sup> dwell vpon the whole earth) to luke vpon. 1611 *Bible Gen.* xii. 11, I know that thou art a fair woman to luke vpon. 1814 *JANE AUSTEN Mansf. Park* I. v. 101 She came up to me...and talked and laughed till I did not know which way to look. I felt that I must be the jest of the room. 1817 *M. EDGEWORTH Harrington* xi. 247 Nor did I know well which way to look, when his lordship...asked Miss Montenegro if she could possibly imagine that such vulgar prejudices existed. 1846 *Bentley's Misc.* XX. 433 No one would think me more than five or six-and-thirty, to look at me. 1859 *Tennyson End* 1515 If he rise no more, I will not look at wine until I die. 1861 *C. M. YONGE Young Step-Mother* xxviii. 420 Albinia did not know which way to look when all was ascribed to Mr. Kendal's great kindness to him. 1883 *'R. BOLDREWOOD' Robbery under Arms* II. iii. 46 He was awful shod on Mad; but she wouldn't look at him. 1894 *SOMERVILLE & ROSS' Real Charlotte* II. xx. 78 There was no other woman here that signified except Miss Dysart, and it didn't seem likely she'd look at him. 1895 *Daily News* 26 Aug. 7/1 When he [a bowler] went on for the second time the batsmen... 'could not look at him'. 1922 *Joyce Ulysses* 347 Give it to him too on the same place as quick as I'd look at him. 1926 *L. MACKAY Blencarrow* xi. 105 Supposing Kathrine wouldn't look at him in any case? 1937 *M. SHARP Naimys Tree* xx. 266 If I married you I'd never look at another man so long as I lived. 1941 *H. NICOLSON Diary* 8 July (1967) 177 He then stalks out of the room. We are left ashamed and wretched and do not know which way to look. 1946 *E. O'NEILL Iceman Cometh* (1947) III. 167 From what I've seen of 'em...they'd run over you as soon as look at you. 1955 *J. I. M. STEWART Guardians* III. ii. 214 The novelists... constantly endow sensitive women with husbands whom, in fact, they would never look at. 1971 *M. TORRIS Bismarck Herrings* xi. 156 Threatened to report you to the council as soon as look at you, she did. 1973 *W. M. DUNCAN Big Time* iv. 29 You have to watch it nowadays. Jump you as soon as look at you. 1974 *P. DICKINSON Poison Oracle* ii. 37 Will she even look at a male chimp? Doesn't she think she's human?

*b.* with the direction or object left indeterminate, or merely implied by the context. Sometimes said of the eye. †In early use also: To possess or receive the faculty of vision (= Gr. *blainein*, *ἀναβλέπειν*). †to *live and look*: to retain one's faculties.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 173 And blinde men mid his bedum [Petrus] gehelde þæt he locodan. 1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 181 Eien loked, and eare lusted. 1275 *Passion our Lord* 5 in O.E. *Misc.* 39 þe blynde he makede loki. 1300 *Cursor M.* 1338 Cherubin, þat angel blyth, Bad him ga lok þe thrird 9yth. 1362 *LANGL. P. Pl.* A. ix. 49 But 3if I may liuen and loken I schal go lerne betere. 1390 *Gower Conf.* I. 54 For ofte...Betre is to winke than to luke. 1470 *HENRY WALLACE* iv. 468 The kingis palyone...couth weyll luk and wynt, with the n. 1535 *R. BUSTON Barle Fortune* B. 1. 1000e therefore eare thes leape. 1667 *MILTON P. L.* x. 993 But if thou judge it hard and difficult, Conuersing, looking, loving, to abstain From Loves due Rites. 1697 *Dryden Virg. Georg.* III. 334 He looks, and languishes, and leaves his Rest. 1709 *BERKELEY Th. Vision* 57 When we look only with one eye. 1875 *E. WHITE Life in Christ* iv. xxv. (1876) 422 The eye looks, but it is the mind that sees. 1896 *Law Times Rep.* LXXIII. 616/1 If he had looked he must have seen the light of the approaching train. 1901 *'IAN MACLAREN' Yng. Barbarians* vii. 141 At the most critical moment he was afraid to look.

*c.* To direct one's eyes in a manner indicative of a certain feeling; to cast a look of a certain significance; to present a specified expression of countenance. With *adv.* or *phrase*.

Now only with the object or direction specified as in a; otherwise this sense now merges in c.

1205 *LAY.* 2266 He stod bi-foren Locrine & laeslich him lokede on. 1297 *R. GLOUC.* (Rolls) 5348 Vre louerd mid is



eyen of milce on pe lookep peruore. 1393 LANGL. P. Pl. C. 11. 164 On us he lookeyd with loue. 1483 CAXTON G. de la Tour E. viii b. He euer looked on her of a wantoun and fals regard. 1500-20 DUNBAR Poems lvi. 9 Bot. Lord! how petewuslie I luke. Quhen all the pelfie they pairt among them. a 1548 HALL Chron. Rich. III. 53b. Least that it might be suspected that he was abashed for feare of his enemies, and for that cause looked so piteously. 1611 BIBLE Gen. xi. 7 Wherefore looke ye so sadly to day? 1642 R. CARPENTER Experience II. i. 133 The man look'd bloodily when he spoke it. 1842 TENNYSON Talking Oak 116. I look'd at him with joy. 1859 — Enid 1279 He turn'd and look'd as keenly at her As careful robins eye the deliver's toil.

d. occas. To give a look of surprise, to stare. Now colloq.

1610 B. JONSON Alchemist v. ii. Doctor 'tis true (you looke) for all your Figures. I sent for him, indeed. Mod. Yes, you may look!

e. quasi-trans. in such phrases as to look (a person or thing) in the face: see FACE sb. 2 b. to look a gift horse in the mouth: see HORSE sb. 21.

The object in sentences of this kind was prob. originally in the dative: cf. G. *inem ins gesicht sehen*.

c 1375 Sc. Leg. Saints xii. (Cristoforo) 28 He sa mekil, sa hee and auchful vas, pat few du[r]ste luk hyme in pe face. a 1625 FLETCHER Hum. Lieutenant IV. i. I'll neuer look a horse i' th' mouth that's giuen. a 1716 SOUTH Sermon. (1823) VI. 330 The soldier... converses with dangers, and looks death in the face. 1737 BRACKEN Farriery Impr. (1757) II. 184 Many who, altho' they have pretended knowledge in Horses, have been looked in the Mouth (as we say). a 1850 ROSSETTI Dante & Cir. i. (1874) 141 This lady... Look'd thee so deep within the eyes, Love sigh'd And was awakened there. 1880 G. MEREDITH Trag. Com. xiii. (1892) 194 She... looks you straight at the eyes, perfectly unabashed. 1891 Strand Mag. II. 530/2 An eye that looks one through and through. 1894 R. Kipling Ball. East & West 85 They look'd each other between the eyes, and there they found no fault. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN Shropshire. Lad. xiii. With... friendly brows and laughter He looked me in the eyes.

f. with conj. obj.

1502 SHAKS. Rom. & Jul. v. iii. 112 Eyes, looke ye last. 1599 SHAKS. etc. Pass. Pilgr. 46 Such looks as none could looke but beauties queen. 1643 TRAPP Comm. Gen. xlii. 29 And they came to Jacob, who had looked many a long look for them, no doubt. 1781 COWPER Hope 726 A transport glows in all he looks and speaks. 1850 TENNYSON In Mem. xlix. And look thy look, and go thy way. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN Shropshire. Lad. vii. Terence, looke your last at me. For I come home no more.

g. trans. With complement or prep.: To bring by one's looks into a certain place or condition. Now rare. (Cf. look down, 33 e.)

1611 SHAKS. Cymb. v. v. 94 Thou hast look'd thy selfe into my grace. 1624 SHAKS. Rengado iii. ii. Thurst out the fiery eyes, that yesterday Would haue look'd thee dead. 1633 G. HERBERT Temple, Glance iii. Thou shalt look us out of pain. 1694 DRYDEN Love Triumph. iv. i. While you stay... every moment looks a part of me away. 1700 — Secular Masque vi. Mars has looked the sky to red. 1766 GOLDSM. Vic. W. v. They had early learnt the lesson of looking presumption out of countenance. 1776 Hist. Eur. in Ann. Reg. 58/1 That armed force which was to have looked all America into submission. 1860 TROLLOPE Castle Richmond I. xii. 234. I really thought Mrs. Townsend would have looked him into the river when he came to her.

h. To express by a look or glance, or by one's countenance; to cast looks of (compassion, etc.) or looks which threaten (death, etc.). to look daggers: see DAGGER 3 b.

1727 THOMSON Summer 845 [1188] They... sigh'd, and look'd unutterable Things. 1742 YOUNG N. Th. iv. 635 With that soft eye... deign to look Compassion to the coldness of my breast. 1750 CHESTERF. Lett. (1774) III. 127 The same things differently expressed, looked, and delivered, cease to be the same things. 1818 BYRON Juan I. xv. Some women use their tongues— she look'd a lecture, Each eye a sermon, and her brow a homily. 1837 DICKENS Pickwick. vi. The old lady... looked carving-knives at the... delinquent. 1837 THACKERAY Ravenshoe. i. The Captain, looking several tremendous canings at him, walked into the back room. 1867 Gd. Words 335/2. I was obliged to be contented with looking my pleasure. 1947 A. MENEN Prevalence of Witches II. 30 Suddenly his eyes looked mischief again. 1956 H. GOLD Man who was not with It (1965) vi. 53. I looked a question at her.

2. a. With indirect question expressed or contextually implied: To apply one's sight to ascertain (who, what, how, whether, etc.). Now only used when the question is regarded as capable of being answered at a single glance.

[c 1000] Aeg. Gosp. Mark vi. 38 Da cwæt he Ho fela hlafe habbe ge gæð & lociað. c 1175 Lamb. Hom. 41 Heo twelf eoden in to helle... for to looken hu hit per ferde. c 1200 Trin. Coll. Hom. 121 Ure drihten... beih of heuene to mannen and lokede gif here ani understoden ower bihothen him. c 1250 Gen. & Ex. 2600 Ghe adde or hire dowter sent, To looken quider it sulde ben went. 1297 R. GLOUCE. (Rolls) 315 Brut sende vp pere bre hondred men armed wel, to loke 3wat lond pat were. c 1425 Crafte Nymbring (E.E.T.S.) 30 Multiply pat digit by anoper digit, and loke qwat comes pere-of. a 1584 MONTGOMERIE Cherrie & Slae 463 Luik quhair to licht before thou loup. 1588 A. KING tr. Camisius Catech. in Cath. Tractates (1901) 205 Lowke quhat day of the age of the moone it is. 1590 SPENSER F. Q. I. iv. 19 Scarce could he once uphold his heauie head, To looken whether it were night or day. 1710 SWIFT Tral. to Stella 30 Nov. O, but one may look whether one goes crooked or no and so write on. 1819 CRABBE T. of Hall x. I loved my trees in order to dispose, I number'd of peaches, look'd how stocks arose. 1848 J. H. NEWMAN Loss & Gain III. iii. 318 He glanced from one article to another, looking who were the University-preachers of the week, who had taken degrees [etc.]. Mod. I will look what time the train starts.

† b. Phr. look else: see whether it be not so. (See ELSE 4 c.) Obs.

1622 MASSINGER Virg. Mart. II. i. I kicke for all that like a horse, looke else.

c. go look: = 'find it out'; a contemptuous manner of refusing information. Now dial.

1595 LVLV Woman in Moon v. i. 86 (Bond). If you aske me why I sing, I say yee may go looke.

3. fig. a. 'To direct the intellectual eye' (J.); to turn or fix one's attention or regard. With advs. or phrases as in 1 a. (See also branches IV and V.) Now usually const. at; formerly on or upon.

a 1548 HALL Chron. Hen. V. 37b. Let the kyngdome of the assiriens be your example, and if that suffice not, then loke on the Persians. 1560 DAVIS tr. Seldam's Comm. 37 b. Loking more narrowly upon domestical evils. 1562 WINNET Cert. Tractates i. Wks. 1888 I. 12 Thay... lukis bakwart with the Israelitis to the potis of flesche in Egypt. 1570 Satir. Poems Reform. xiii. To He man luke lawer, and enter in the Spreit, And then he sall persai the cause fra hand. 1583 GOLDING Calvin on Deut. xxi. 124 Looke me vpon the Turkes: they haue some reuerence to their religion. 1602 SHAKS. Ham. iv. iv. 37 (1604 Qo.) He that made vs with such large discourse, Looking before and after. 1611 BIBLE 2 Cor. iv. 18 While we looke not at the things which are seene, but at y<sup>e</sup> things which are not seene. a 1625 BEAUM. & FL. Bonduca II. iv. 40s In infinite Discretion durst not looke upon. a 1699 STODDING (J.). We are not only to look at the bare action, but at the reason of it. 1824 BENTHAM Bh. Fallacies Wks. 1843 II. 455 Instead of reforming others... let him look at home. 1845 M. PATTISON Ess. (1889) I. 2 Because ideas change, the whole mode and manner of looking at things varies with every age. 1861 DICKENS Gt. Expect. iv. What I look at, is the sacrifice of so much portable property. 1885 F. ANSTY Tinted Venus 70 'That's the proper way to look at it', said he. 1885 SIR N. LINDLEY in Law Rep. 30 Ch. Div. 14 The case of Stokes v. Trumper is not really in point when we come to look at it closely. 1890 MRS. H. WOOD House of Halliwell I. vii. 175. I marry a medical student... I look a little higher than that. Ibid. III. viii. 207 Your friends will look at position as well as gentle blood.

b. To take care, make sure, see (that or how something is done; also with omission of that). Now arch.

c 897 K. ALFRED GOSPEL'S Past. lix. 451 Lociað nu ðæt flos cowru lef we gedyr ofrum monnum ubiswice. a 1300 Cursor M. 1966 Fixa and fessae, o bath i sai. Lok þat bi blod yee cast a wae. a 1300 Ibid. 16814 + 15 Pilat... had þat pai lude luke þat he wore ded-for-thy. c 1380 WYCLIF Wks. (1880) 38 Seynt petyr comaundip þif oni speke, loke he speke as goddis wordis. c 1440 Anc. Cookery in Househ. Ord. (1790) 434 Loke hit be stondyng. 1470-85 MALORY Arthur I. xvi. 60 Loke eueriche of yow kynges lete make suche ordinance. 1561 T. HOBY tr. Castiglione's Courtier III. (1577) Ovij. And you (my L. Margaret) looke yee beare it well away. 1604 SHAKS. Oth. iv. iii. 8 Dismiss your Attendant there: look't be done. 1621-31 LAUD Sermon (1847) 133 The State must look their proceedings be just, and the Church must look their devotions and actions be pious. 1646 J. HALL Hore Vac. 22 We ought to looke how wee spend our houres here. 1696 E. GOS Jemitt's Mem. 89 Censor to look that no man lived idle. 1819 SHELLEYS Cyclops 477 When I call, Look ye obey the masters of the craft. 1865 Jnl. R. Agric. Soc. Ser. II. i. 242 We must look, therefore, that we have the... wide chest, straight back, &c. 1871 R. ELLIS tr. Catullus lxiv. 231 Look that warily then deep-laid in steady remembrance These our words grow greenly.

c. To expect. Const. to with inf. † Formerly also with clause, usually introduced by that. † Also, to expect, await the time when something shall happen; to be curious to see how, whether, etc.; also impers. in passive.

c 1513 MORE Rich. III (ed. Lumby) 7 Whose life hee looked that euil dyete shoulde shorten. Ibid. 11 In these last wordes that eyer I looke to speake with you. 1535 COVERDALE I. v. 4 When he lokyd y<sup>e</sup> it shulde bringe him grapes, it brought forth thornes. 1568 GRAFTON Chron. II. 112 Loking every day when his Barons and the confederates would cruelly set upon him. c 1586 CRESS PEMBRETON P. LXIX. viii. Some I looke would me uphold. 1593 SHAKS. Rich. II. i. iii. 243. 1604 E. GOS Jemitt's Mem. 89 D'icosta's Hist. Indies III. xli. 156 The wind being contrary and stormy, they looked all to perish. 1605 CAMDEN Rem. (1637) 271 Then it was looked how he should justify that fact. 1611 HEYWOOD Gold. Age I. i. Wks. 1874 III. 10. I neuer heard she was committed to prison; yet 'tis look't euery where when she shall be deliuered. a 1626 BACON New Atl. (1900) 9 Wee... saluted him in a very lowly and submissive manner; As looking that from him, wee should receyve Sentence of Life, or Death. 1651 HOBBS Leviath. III. xlii. 271 By whom we look to be protected. 1657 AUSTEN Fruit Trees II. 164 God looks every one should be fruit-full under all his dispensations. 1760-72 H. BROOKE Fool of Qual. (1809) IV. 141. I never look to have a mistress that I shall love half as well. 1830 SOUTHEY Lett. (1836) IV. 168. I too had been looking to hear from you. 1852 MRS. STOWE Uncle Tom's C. vii. I'll lad ma's didn't go off this morning, as he looked to. 1893 Field 11 Mar. 362/3 The labourer... looks to go to work at a fixed hour. 1896 A. E. HOUSMAN Shropshire. Lad. xxvi. Two lovers looking to be wed.

† d. with indirect question: To consider, ascertain (who, when, whether, etc.); to try (if something can be done, etc.). Also simply, to consider the matter, make inquiry; esp. in phr. whoso will look, etc. Obs.

1375 BARBOUR Bruce viii. 419 The king can furth his vaia tag... for till luf gif he Micht reuerche his cuntre. c 1375 Sc. Leg. Saints ix. (Ninian) 93 He vmthocht he wald luke Gyf he in sic corne cut set huke. c 1380 WYCLIF Sermon. Sel. Wks. I. 319 But diuersite is greet here and pere, whoso wole loke. 1399 LANGL. Rich. Reddes III. 255 That ich lode lokide what longid to his age. c 1400 Lanfranc's Chirurg. 51 þou muste loke wheþer pat be þodi of luf of wickide humouris, eiper be clene. c 1450 Merlin v. Than made he hir suster come on a saterday... to luke wif he might geue hir in that manere. 1573 Satir. Poems Reform. x. 403 Schir, luk þe and se gif that the teindis of this countrie May not do all

that we have tauld. c 1585 R. BROWNE Ansu. Cartwright 50 If he looke well, this prooue serueth against him. 1692 LOCKE 3rd Lett. Toleration ix. Wks. 1727 II. 394 Whether... your pretending Gain to them... be a greater Mockery, you were best look.

4. Idiomatic uses of the imperative.

a. Used to bespeak attention: = 'see', 'behold', 'lo'. In mod. colloq. use often look you (in representations of vulgar speech written look'ee) = 'mind this'; also look here, a brusque mode of address prefacing an order, expostulation, reprimand, etc. looky here U.S. regional variant of 'look here'; also look-a-her. Also, look who's (or what's) here: see who (or what) is here.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC Gram. xxxviii. (Z.) 231 En efne oðre loca nu, her hit is. c 1250 Gen. & Ex. 331 Quod moyses, 'loel her nu is bread'. c 1260 Towneley Myst. xxx. 141 Here is a bag full, lokys, of pride and of lust. 1513 DOUGLAS Æneis Exclamation 18 Lo, heir he failseis, se thar he leia, luik! 1575 GASCOIGNE Glasie Gout. iv. i. Poems 1870 II. 59. I would be glad to talk with Maister Gnomatius... and looke where he cometh in haste. 1594 MARLOWE & NASHE Dido 372 N's Wks. (Grosart) VI. 22 Looke where she comes: Æneias, view her well. 1597 SHAKS. 2 Hen. IV. II. ii. 116 (1600 Qo.) Looke you how he writes. 1611 — Wint. T. III. iii. 116 Heavy matters, heavy matters: but looke thee heere boy. 1672 VILLIERS (Dk. Buckingham) Rehearsal I. i. (Arb.) 33 For, look you, Sir, the grand design... is to keep the Auditors in suspense. 1709 STEELE Tatler No. 34 ¶ 4 Look ye, said I, I must not rashly give my Judgment. 1710 Ibid. No. 206 ¶ 2 Look'ee, Jack, I have heard thee sometimes talk like an Oracle. 1784 COWPER Retirement 283 Look where he comes. a 1814 Lawan's Will iv. ii. in New Brit. Theatre IV. 111 Looke there now! You can create a cause for quarrel, my Lady. 1843 LONCH. Sp. Student v. vi. Look here he comes. 1861 DICKENS Gt. Expect. II. Now, look here, my man... I'll have no feelings here. 1865 — Met. Fr. II. xiv. 'Now, looke here, my dear', returned old Betty, 'asking your excuse for being so familiar'. 1872 [see Gum-gum (GUM sb. 9)]. 1875 TENNYSON Q. Mary II. i. Look you, Master Wyatt, Tear up that woman's work there. 1876 'MARK TWAIN' Tom Sawyer x. 94 And besides, look-a-herk—maybe that whack done for him! 1925 E. O'NEILL Desire under Elms I. ii. 20 Lookey here! I'd oughtn't't' said that, Eben. 1935 Z. N. HURSTON Mulier & Men I. iv. 95 'Looke here, folkses', Jim Preasley exclaimed. 'Wee a half hour behind schedule'. 1943 'C. DICKSON' She died a Lady v. 38 Lookey here... Burn it all, all I was tryin' to do was see what she'd do flat out on an open road. 1945 A. KORMER Pass Me ¶ Well, look who's here! exclaimed the host. 1949 N. MARSH Swain's Brother, Spring III. 48 'Well, well, well', he said. 'Look who's here'. 1966 Listener 1 May 61/41 Look, my Bill doesn't include any blanket condemnation of unofficial strikes. 1971 Black Scholar June 54/4 Looke-her. Dr. Hare, I don't have a picture at this time. 1973 Black World Apr. 62 Lookahere Sammy... I'm glad to see ya. 1973 G. SIMS Hunters Point xiii. 115 Look, we don't have to sit here. We could go down to the beach. 1974 Daily Mail 1 Oct. 8/5 Look you! Ploid Cymru protested to the BBC yesterday over the timing of its only party political broadcast.

† b. Prefixed to interrogative pronoun or adv., or relative conj., forming indefinite relatives = whoever, whatever, however, etc. Also, in later use, emphasizing the correspondence of relative and antecedent, as in look as = 'just as'. Obs.

The absence of examples between the 12th and the 16th c. is remarkable: the idiom was prob. preserved in some non-literary dialect.

c 1000 ÆLFRIC Gen. xvi. 6 þres hig, loca hu pu wylle. — Job ii. 19 And loca hwa ut gange, lige he oflagan. a 1123 O E Chron. an. 1101 (Laud MS.) Loc hwa eowenra gebroðra oðerne oferde, were yrfwæde eallan. Englanð. 1435 COVERDALE Pet. i. 3 His leues shal not fall off, and loke what soeuer he doth, it shal prosper. — Eccles. i. 13 The love of God is honorable wisdomde: loke vnto whom it appeareth, they loue it. 1568 GRAFTON Chron. I. 94 And looke what he commaunded, that was done, though some did murmur. 1597 J. T. Sermon. Paules C. 56 But looke as thou sinnest, so shalt thou haue the wages of sinne. a 1600 HOOKER Eccl. Pol. vii. vi. 95 He added farther, that loke what duty the Roman Canons did execute... theliche charge had the Bishop. c 1600 SHAKS. Sonn. xxvii. 13 Looke what is best, that best I wish in thee. 1611 BIBLE 1 Mac. iv. 54 Looke at what time, and what day the heathen had prophaned it, even in that was it dedicated with songs, and citherns, and harpes, and cimbals. 1615 W. LAWSON Country Househ. Gard. (1626) 23 And looke how farre a tree spreads his boughs about, so far doth he put his roots vnder the earth. 1625 BURGESS Pers. Thithes 31 And looke what the Lawes... enioyne, that thou must doe, or be a Rebelle. 1675 BROOKS Gold. Key 321 Look, as God cannot but be just, so he cannot but be true. Ibid. 301, 302.

5. Look sharp. Originally (with sharp as adv.) = 'to look sharply after something', 'to keep strict watch'. In later use (which is merely colloquial) the sense is commonly 'to bestrident oneself briskly', 'to lose no time' (the vb. being app. taken in a sense belonging to branch III, and sharp regarded as a complementary adj.).

1711 STEELE Spect. No. 132 ¶ I The Captain... ordered his Man to look sharp, that none but one of the Ladies should have the Place he had taken fronting the Coachbox. 1713 R. BENTLEY Remarks Late Disc. France. II. Wks. 1838 III. 472 It is time for us then to look sharp, to observe every period. 1734 BERKELEY Alciphir. vi. 51, I must, therefore, look sharp, and well consider every step I take. 1758 LD. AUCKLAND Corr. (1861) II. 69 At nine o'clock we began to look sharp for our house. 1809 in Spirit Pub. Jnl. VI. 128 Mr. Robson will attend to the old peers... while Mr. Faulder will look sharp after the fortune-hunters. 1818 COBBETT Pol. Reg. XXXIII. 91. I see that the Ministers are very shy of dissolving the Parliament; and they shall look sharp if they act before I am ready for them. 1834 LANDOR Exam. Shaks. Wks. 1853 II. 285/2 But let her look sharp, or spectacles may be thrust upon her nose that shall make her eyes water. 1840

DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xxxix. Kit. ordered. him to bring three dozen . oysters, and to look sharp about it! 1846-9 S. R. MAITLAND *Est.* etc. 258 Would he not be startled if one told him that he would have to look sharp for five-and-twenty [martyrs] 1874 *Punch* 8 Aug. 64 Glass of ale, young woman; and look sharp, please! 1890 FENN *Double Knot* l. viii. 191 You'd better look sharp, . . . they're all ready and waiting.

6. Transitive uses, chiefly synonymous with various intransitive uses with prepositions.

a. To look at, behold; to view, inspect, examine. Now *dial.* to look babies: to gaze at the reflection of one's face in another's eyes.

13. . . *Coer de L.* 3030 Richard bad his men seche For some wys clerk and sertain leche. . . For to loken his uryng. 1382 WYCLIF *Num.* xxiv. 17. I shal inwardly loken hym [Vulg. intuebor illum] but not nry. 1400 *Destr.* Troy 753 Leches full lyuely loked his wound. 1471 J. PASTON in *P. Lett.* III. 7 That no body loken my wryghtynges. 1509 BARCLAY *Ship of Fools* (1570) 113 When he a while his glasse hath loken. 1523 FITZHERB. *Hub.* 440 Then let the shepherde turne them, and loken them on eury syde. 1578 LINDSEY (Pittcottie) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) II. 158 He mowit wep to the hill heid of Tarbitt. to awew and luke the congregatioun. 1607 BRAUM. & *L. Woman Hater* III. i. I cannot thinke, I shall become a coxmole. To ha' my hare curld, by an idle finger. . . Mine eyes loken babies in. 1615 BRATHWAITE *Strappado* 80 Or when none that's iealous spies To loken babies in his eyes. 1647 TRAPP *Comm. Ep. & Rev.* App. 669 Many Heathens have advised the angry man to look his face in a glasse, and to grow ashamed of his distemper. 1655 *New Haven Col. Rec.* (1658) II. 151 Robert Cranfield. testified. that he went to loken oxen. 1721 RAMSAY *Morning Interview* 34 He frown'd, and look'd his watch. 1874 W. H. L. RANKEN *Domin. Australia* vi. 105 Plains are scoured and every piece of timber looked. 1882 J. WALKER *Juunt to Auld Reekie* etc. 10 He looks his hand: behold the sooty meal The secret tells. 1897 CROCKETT *Lad's Love* xi. 115. I was engaged in 'looking the sheep'—that is, numbering them and seeing that none had strayed. 1957 J. BRAINE *Room at Top* xi. 107. I could see my face in her pupils. . . 'You're looking babies,' she said.

†b. To look into, examine; to consider, have regard to, regard. *Obs.*

1300 *Beket* 284 The King from Normandie com To Engeland to Look the stat of his Kynedom. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Conc.* 205 He that right ordir of lyfing wyl luke Suld bygnn thus, als says the boke. 1375 *Lay Folks Mass Bk.* (MS. B.) 271 When pou prayes, god lokes pi wille. 1400 *Prymer* (1891) 45 For he lokede the mekenesse of his handmayde. 1430-40 *LDG. Bochas* ix. xxxiii. (1558) 34 The matter who so list to loken. 1533 *Gau Richt* vey 19 God lukis notht who the wuert richtfulness quik myn kelpis. 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) xxvii. 1 3c blindit iuvaris, luke The reckless lyfe 3c leid.

†c. To consult or refer to (an author, a book, or a place in it); to 'turn up'. In the imper. = *VIDE*. Also, to search for (a word etc.) in a book of reference. (Cf. *look up*, 45 g.) *Obs.*

1300 *Cursor M.* 9334 bat yow telts sent Ieremi. If yee wald lok his prophete. 1386 CHAUCER *Parl. T.* 250 Looketh the Bible, and ther y may it leere. 1420 HOCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 3099 As pe boke can expresse: Whoso it lokith, fynde it shal no lease. 1529 RASTELL *Pastyme, Hist. French* (1811) 69 Therfor luke Julius Cesar his comentaries. 1596 HARRINGTON *Metam.* *Ajax* 60 Looke it sirra there in the dictionarie. 1598 FLORIO, *Aria*, looke *Aere*. 1599 NASH *Leten Stuffe* 58 For his ensantling, looke the Almanack in the beginning of April. 1611 COTGR. *Anomexie*, looke *Anomexie*. 1611 *Bible T. Marc.* xii. 7 marg. *Aereus*, looke. *Joseph*, *Ant. lib.* 13. cap. 8. 1640 FULLER *Joseph's Coat* etc. 15 marg. Looke Lord Bacon in his life. 1656 H. PHILLIPS *Purch. Patt.* (1676) 157 Take the compass of the tree. . . look this compass in the Table. 1813 J. ADAMS *Wks.* (1856) X. 49. I found that if I looked a word to-day, in less than a week I had to look it again.

d. To seek, search for; = *look for* (15 b). Also, to be on the look-out for, seek or search out. *rare* (now *dial.*).

1394 P. P. *Crede* 593 Now mot a frere. loken hem leynyngs bat like pe puple. 1470 HENRYSON *Mor. Fab.* i. (*Cock & Jasp*) v. I had leuer ga scrapit heir with my nailis . . . and luke my lyfe fude. 1595 MUNDAY *John a Kent* (Shaks. Soc.) 22 Mooton shall look him now on other bryde. 1600 SHAKS. A. Y. L. II. v. 30 He hath bin all this day to looke you. 1622 MABBE *tr. Aleman's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 152 You neuer left any Crowne nor Royals with me: Go looke your Crownes and Royals else-where. 1650 T. VAUGHAN *Anima Magica* To Rdr., He knew it was bootles to look fatal Events in the Planets. 1664 PEPSY *Diary* 3 Sept., In the morning she chid her mayds for not looking the fleas a-days. 1668 DRYDEN *All for Love* IV. i. Octavia, I was looking you, my love. 1683 TRAYON *Way to Health* xix. (1697) 417 Or else the poor Lass after the Wedding-Clothes are made, must go loken her an Husband. 1716 B. CHURCH *Hist. Philip's War* (1865) I. 162 He wen with his new Souldier to look his Father. 1732 JOHNSON *Rambler* Mo. 138 II. 11 At her leisure hours she looks to loken. 1782 MISS BURNAY *Cecilia* VII. v. I'll go look him [a dog], however, for we went at such a rate that I never missed him. 1821 CLARE *Vil. Minstr.* I. 88 Pinders, that such chances loken, Drive his rambling cows to pound. 1879 *Boy's Own Paper* 18 Jan. 14/3 [The monkeys] both set to work and 'look fleas' in the hare's fur. 1961 F. G. CASSIDY *Jamaica Talk* vi. 148 A very common usage makes look into a transitive verb meaning look for, gather: 'Arthur and I joined a group of boys to look wood.'

†e. To take care of, keep, guard, watch over, preserve in safety; to observe (a day). Also *refl.* To guard oneself, beware; to abstain (from). Also *absol.* or *intr.*: To watch. *Obs.*

1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 45 We asen pene sunne dei swipelic wel to wuerpen and on alle clesene to locan. 1250 GEN. & EX. 2103 He dede is binden & faire loken alle bones be he boren. *Ibid.* 3511 Loke be we! bat Bu ne stele. 1300 K. Horn 800 Rymenild pu kep and loke. 1300 *Cursor M.* 8297 'Godd pe loke', he said, 'sir king'. 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 129 but he said he wele loke. 1340 *Ayenb.* 42

bet hi ham loki uram pise zenne. *Ibid.* 235 pe prestes bet lokeden chasette ine pe temple weren todeld uram pe oþren bet hi ne loren hire chasette. 1460 *Towneley Myst.* xiii. 219 God looke you all thre!

†f. To provide, appoint, ordain, decree, decide. *Obs.*

1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 73 per fore hit was iloked bi godes wissunge ine halie chirche pet mon scule childe fulhten. 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1206 As his ahne goddlice lahed it ant lokede. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 1230 pe kyng he sende word asen, pat he adde is franchise In is owe court, vorto loken domes & assise. 1305 St. Kenelm 301 in *E.E.P.* (1862) 55 pe bishop hadde iloked pat hit scholde pider beo ibore. 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 36 pe right lawes did he loken for fals men & fikelle. 1400-50 *Alexander* 3404 (Ashm. MS.) Syn it lokid [Dublin MS. luykyd] has pe largenes of pe lord of heuen. 1460 *Launfal* 783, I am a redy for to tho All that the court wyl loken.

†g. To expect, look forward to, look for. *Obs.*

1560 DAUS *tr. Sleiane's Comm.* 311 What ende at the length doe you loken of this obstinacy and vnloyaltie. 1572 KNOX *Hist. Ref. Wks.* 1846 I. 4 We crave of all the gentill Redaris, not to loken of us such an History. 1586 C'TRESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* cxix. k. i. What I look't from thee. . . I now enjoy. 1595 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* II. viii. His fortune gives him more than he could loken. 1611 SHAKS. *Wint.* T. iv. iv. 369 The gifts she lokes from me, are packt and lockt Vp in my heart.

II. To have an outlook, face a certain way.

7. a. *intr.* To have or afford a certain outlook; to face, front, or be turned towards, into, on to, etc.

1555 COVERDALE *Jer.* i. 13. I do se a seeithing pot, looking from out of the north thitherward. 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* III. (1633) 304 Each of these chambers had a little window to loken into the hall. 1596 DALRYMPLE *tr. Leslie's Hist. Scot.* IX. 193 That parte of the Castel that lukis to Tued. 1611 *Bible Num.* xxi. 20 Pisagh, which looketh toward Ieshimon. 1668 DRYDEN *All for love* II. i. Unbar the Gate that looks to Caesar's Camp. 1732 BERKELEY *Alciph.* iii. §1 A summer parlour which looks into the garden. 1866 M. ARNOLD *Thyrsis* II. The signal-elm that looks on Ilaey Downs. 1886 BEAT. M. BUTT *Lesterre Durant* I. v. 61 The windows looking north. 1893 *Strand Mag.* VI. 268/2 The dining-room looks on to the Melbury Road.

b. Of parts of the body, or the like: To face or turn (in a particular direction).

1656 RIDGLEY *Pract. Physic* 243 The Knee and Foot look inwards. 1662 SIR W. HOPE *Fencing-Master* (ed. 2) 17 The points of your Fingers must not look upwards, but pointing towards your Adversary. 1776-96 WITHERING *Brit. Plants* (ed. 3) 1. 388 Bearing the flowers underneath, the florets looking downwards. 1863 HUXLEY *Man's Place Nat.* i. 23 Their nostrils have a narrow partition, and look downwards.

8. a. To show a tendency; to tend, point (in a particular direction).

1647 *Power of Kings* iv. 84 The context looketh wholly that way. 1674 N. FAIRFAX *Bulk & Selu.* 188 The Argument drawn from Gods unbouded power and goodness, as looking towards the behoof of the Creature will ever fall short upon this score. 1692 R. L'ESTRANGE *Joseph's Ant.* II. ix. (1733) 44 The Barbarity of this bloody Decree look'd several ways. 1793 MAUNDRELL *Jour. Jerus.* (1732) 42 Its sense seems to look that way. 1800 K. WHITE *Lett.* (1837) 328 He thinks it looks towards epilepsy. 1869 GOULBURN *Purs. Holiness* x. 93 In this direction look the words of our Lord to St. Thomas. 1881 P. GREG *Ivy* III. vi. 122 All the facts look the other way.

†b. To tend to, promise to. *Obs. rare.*

1607 SHAKS. *Cor.* III. iii. 29 He speaks What's in his heart, and that is there which looks With vs to break his necke.

III. To have a certain appearance. [App. in part developed from 1 c; but cf. the similar use in passive sense of other verbs of perception, like *smell*, *taste*, *feel*.]

9. a. *intr.* To have the appearance of being; to seem to the sight. (This sense when used of persons often retains some mixture of the notion of 1 c.) Const. a predicative sb. or adj., or a predicative adv. (as *well*, *ill* = 'in good, bad health').

For the fig. phr. to look black, blue, foolish, small, etc., see the *adjs.*

1400 *Destr.* Troy 8742 Ymages. Lokend full lyuely as any light angles. 1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* liii. 37 God waith gif that scho lokuit sou! 1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 266 Resoluth all the grosenesse of the oyle, and maketh it to loken clere. 1658 WOOD *Life* 5 Apr. He look'd elderly and was cynical and hirsute in his behavior. 1697 DRYDEN *Aeneid* XI. 99 All pale he lies, and looks a lovely Flow'r. 1712 HEARNE *Collect.* (O.H.S.) III. 486 "Twould have look'd vain, and ostentatious. 1715 *Poer* *liad* II. 208 She moves a Goddess, and she looks a Queen! 1761 MRS. F. SHERIDAN *Sidney Biddulph* I. 18 He is grown fat, and looks quite robust. 1788 COWPER *Pity for poor Africans*. You speak very fine, and you look very grave. 1802 MAR. EDGEMORTH *Moral T.* *Forester* (1806) I. 65 Henry looked in great anxiety. 1857 RUSKIN *Pol. Econ.* Art. i. 1, see that some of my hearers look surpris'd at the expression. 1871 M. ARNOLD *Friendship's Garland* v. 36 'You made me look rather a fool, Arminius', I began. 1886 BEAT. M. BUTT *Lesterre Durant* I. xix. 304 London was certainly not looking its best. 1888 SARAH TYTLER *Blackhall Ghosts* II. xvii. 65 Kitty did not look the lady she was not. 1897 *Windsor Mag.* Jan. 274/1 No. 1. . . looked such a much larger house than it was. No. 2. . . was such a much larger house than it looked.

b. with adv. of manner (†or advb. phrase): To have a certain look or appearance.

This use is often indiscriminately condemned, but is justly censurable only where look is virtually equivalent to *seem*, so that it requires a predicative complement and not a qualification of manner. (So, e.g. in quot. 1645.) Owing, however, to the prejudice, excited by the inaccurate use, look now rarely occurs with advs. of manner other than *well*, *ill*,

badly. In some early instances the apparent adv. may possibly be an adj. in -ly.

1300 *XV Signa* 56 in *E.E.P.* (1862) q Hi sul. lok as bestis þat cun witte. 1377 LANGL. P. Pl. B. v. 189 So hungelicly [1362 A. v. 108 hungri] and holwe is Heruy hym loket. 1446 BOORDE *Dyetary* xxxix. (1870) 300 For that wyl cause a man to loken agedly. 1546 J. Heywood *Prov.* 50 Though your pasture loken barrenly and dull. 1586 C'TRESS PEMBROKE *Ps.* cv. viii. Watry Nilus lokes with bloody face. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* III. i. 32 You loken wearily. *Ibid.* IV. i. 146 You doe loken (my son) in a moud's sort. 1611 — *Wint.* T. III. iii. 3 The skies loken grimly. 1645 T. HILL *Oliver Branch* (1648) 40 This would make you look more amiably and smell more sweetly. 1683 TRAYON *Way to Health* xix. (1697) 413 How base a thing it is, and how unnaturally it looks, that men should value Money more than the Law of God. 1712 J. JAMES *tr. Le Blond's Gardening* 21 Points and Corners advancing. . . look very ill upon the Ground. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* II. i. (1840) 7 The world looked awkwardly round me. *Ibid.* II. xv. 314 To see who looked with most guilt in their faces. 1781 COWPER *Retirement* 567 Nature indeed looks prettily in rhyme. 1802 MRS. J. WEST *Infield Father* II. 188 Do I also look meanly in her eyes? 1826 COBBETT *Rur. Rides* (1885) II. 57 Fields of Swedish turnips, all looking extremely well. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* ix. II. 497 On the whole, however, things as yet looked not unfavourably for James. 1855 *Ibid.* xx. IV. 471 It tasked all the art of Kneller to make her look tolerably on canvass. 1891 SIR A. WILLS in *Law Times* XCI. 233/2 Things had, by that time, begun to look badly for all concerned.

c. Const. *inf.* To seem to the view. *lit. and fig.*

1775 BURKE *Sp. Conc.* *Amer. Sel.* Wks. I. 192 It looks to me to be narrow and pedantic, to apply the ordinary ideas of criminal justice to this great public content. 1793 W. ROBERTS *Looker-On* No. 84. (1794) III. 345 To make a display. . . looks to be, with the major part, the real object which assembles them. 1890 CLARK RUSSELL *Ocean Trag.* I. vi. 123 A little hat that looked to be made of beaver. 1893 *Graphic* 25 Mar. 298/1 The Queen looked to be in good health.

d. to look as if (or †as) —: to have an appearance suggesting the belief that —. Often with indefinite subject, it looks (or things look) as if —.

1500-30 DUNBAR *Poems* liii. 9 He leuket as he culd lern tham a. 1621 B. JONSON *Catiline* iv. v. Looke they, as they were built to shake the world! 1790 DRYDEN *Flower & Leaf* 57, I took the way, Which through a path, but scarcely printed, lay; . . . And looked as lightly pressed by fairy feet. 1790 T. BROWN *Amusem. Ser. & Com.* 91 It looks as if Physicians learnt their Gibberish for no other purpose, than to embroil what they do not understand. 1790 BURKE *F. Rev.* (1898) 11 It looks to me as if I were in a great crisis. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* v. i. Pedro was dumb-founded, and looked as if he could not help it. 1867 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) I. App. 774 This looks as if Harold were now quartered in Denmark. 1892 St. Nicholas *Mag.* XIV. 538/1 It looked as if there was going to be a free fight. 1898 FLOR. MONTGOMERY *Tony* 9 She looked as if she were thoroughly bored.

e. quasi-trans. To have an appearance befitting or according with (one's character, condition, assumed part, etc.). to look one's age: to have the appearance of being as old as one is. to look oneself: to appear to be in one's usual health.

1828 *Examiner* 756/1 She looked the character extremely well. 1842 L. HUNT *Men, Women & B.* (1876) 373 Though people do not always seem what they are, it is seldom they do not look what they can do. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* xxxiv. But what's the matter, George? . . . you don't look yourself. 1879 MISS YONGE *Cameos Ser.* iv. xvii. 187 She looked her full forty-three years. 1883 *Manch. Exam.* 20 Oct. 5/3 Miss Anderson looked the part to perfection. 1891 L. MERRICK *Violet Moses* II. xii. 134 He assuredly did not look his age.

10. look like. a. To have the appearance of being. (See LIKE A. 1 b ¶.) Also, (if) looks like: it seems likely (*colloq.*), chiefly U.S.).

1440 *York Myst.* xxi. 273 He lokis like a lambe. 1581 STURGE *Hippolytus* 67 Lyke lusty young Perithous he looketh in the face. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.* *High Spirited Man* (Arb.) 91 One that looks like a proud man but is not. 1662 STILLINGF. *Orig. Sac.* II. v. 83 There is something looks very like this in the proceedings of the people of Israel against the Prophet Jeremiah. 1699 T. BAKER *Ref. Learning* 58 This Plan, as laid down by him, looks liker an Universal Art than a distinct Logic. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 50 ¶8 The Women look like Angels. 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 606 He had a humour in his leg, which looked like the beginning of the gout. 1773 GOLDSM. *Stoops to Conq.* II. (end), My dear 'squire, this looks like a lad of spirit. 1861 M. PATTERSON *Ess.* (1889) I. 40 The payment in kind, and not in money, looks like a customary acknowledgement from an old established guild. 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 43 She looked like a monument planted there. 1910 W. M. RAINE *Bucky O'Connell* 55 Your cook, Anderson, kid-napped the child, looks like to be. 1959 J. BUCHAN *Courts of Morning* 13, I admitted that it looked like it, and said that if Blenkins had been captured by bandits. . . his captors had done the worst day's work of their lives. 1936 M. MITCHELL *Gone with Wind* I. i. 1 Don't it look to you like she would of asked us to stay for supper? 1970 N. MARSH *When in Rome* v. 127 'Wouldn't it be a yell if. . . you were The Man?' 'Do I look like it?' 1972 G. BROMLEY *In Absence of Body* viii. 101 'And now I suppose you've got to find a replacement?' 'Looks like it.' 1973 *Guardian* 31 Jan. 4/7 Looks like your child's birthday is news again this year.

b. with gerund, vbl. sb., or occas. sb.: To give promise of, show a likelihood of.

1593 SHAKS. *Lucr.* 585 Thou look'st not like deceit; do not deceive me. 1747 *Genil. Mag.* XVII. 383 Parties may be abolish'd, but the late dissolution of the parliament don't look much like it. 1883 J. W. SHERER *At Home & in India* 158 Later on, indeed, after supper, he grew worse—looked like biting—and . . . tore the bouquet in pieces. 1888 H. F. LESTER *Hartas Maturin* II. ii. 34 It looks like rain. 1973 A.

BROJNOWSKI *Take One Ambassador* ii. 21. I look like being in and out of the office a lot in the next few days.

IV. Specialized uses with prepositions.

11. look about — (Cf. 25.)

a. To turn one's eyes to, or make searches in various parts of (a room, etc.); to go about observing in (a country, town, etc.).

1375 BARBOUR *Brace* iii. 570 Men mycht se mony frely fute about the coasts that lukand. 1330 PALSGRAF 1614/1. I loked about the contrarye. *See points* *le nort*. 1568 HALL *Chron.* Rich. III. 28 [He] leste out of his bed and loked about the chambre. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. iii. 455 Iago, looke with care about the Towne.

b. With *pron.* (used *refl.*), to look about one: to turn one's eyes or attention to surrounding objects; to consider, or take account of, one's position and circumstances; to be watchful or apprehensive.

1400 MAUNDEY. (Roxb.) xix. 87 Sum of pam. . . er lukand downeward to pe erthe, and will next luke about pam. 1484 CAXTON *Fables of Esop* v. v. Whanne the catte was vpon a tree he loked about hym and sawe how the dogges [etc.]. 1562 COOPER *Anno. Priv. Masse* Pref. Rdr., A man maye thinke they had good cause to startle at the matter, and somewhat to lode aboute them, leste they seemed altogether carelesse. 1596 SHAKS. *Tom. Shr.* I. ii. 141 Master, master, looke about you: Who goes there? ha. 1666-72 HARVEY *Morb. Angl.* vii. 18 If upon these Signs, you find a wasting of your flesh, then looke about you. 1712 ARBUTHNOT *John Bull* I. xii. John began to think it high time to looke about him. 1744 OZELL tr. *Brantome's Sp. Rhodomontades* 104. [They] had found the Enemy upon them, before they could looke about 'em. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. i. 173 At length he returned; and, without having a single week to looke about him, . . . he was at once set to rule the state. 1891 *Strand Mag.* II. 482/1 He loked about him anxiously.

12. look after —

a. To follow with the eye; to look in the direction of (a person departing); fig. to think regretfully of (something past). †Also, to observe the course of (a person).

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 121 ba hic þa in þone heofon locodan æfter him, & hie Drihten gesawon upastigende. 1535 COVERDALE *Exod.* xxxiii. 8 All the people rose vp, and loked after Moses, tyll he was gone in to the Tabernacle. 1580 SIDNEY *Poet. xxxvii.* vii. Thou shalt see The wicked by his own pride banished; Looke after him, he shall be vanisht. 1593 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. VI.* III. i. 219. 1858 BUSHNELL *Serm.* New Life xi. (1866) 153 His soul stilled looking covertly after the goods she has lost.

b. To search for. *Obs.*

1330 *Spec. Gy Warw.* 786 Twewe manere shame men fint in boke, Who-so wole peraser loke, a 1225 *Cursor M.* 11086 (Trin.) þenne loked æfter air Zakary tables & poyntes. 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* 77 Such that his suer treuthe is not loked æfter neither soust æfter. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* III. v. 55 That man of hers, Pisanio, . . . I have not seen these two dayes. Go, looke after. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 120 ¶ He has caught me twice or thrice looking after a Bird's Nest. 1727 BOYER *Eng.-Fr. Dict.*, To look after (to seek) a thing, *chercher quelque chose*.

c. To anticipate with desire or fear; to look forward to. *Obs.*

1377 LANGL. P. Pl. B. xii. 181 þere be lewed lill stille and loked æfter lente. 1393 *Ibid.* C. iv. 249 þe last lad þat longeþ to hym. . . Lokeþ æfter lordshap oþer opere large mede. 1413 *Pilgr. Soule* (Caxton 1483) IV. xxx. 78 They be looking after their help til they be deceyved. 1477 *Paston Lett.* III. 194 He lokyth æfter that ye sholde come see hym. 1533 *Gau Richt Vay* 37 Ve lukw æfter ane blissit hou and the glorious cuming of the greit God. a 1555 RIDLEY *Confer. w. Latimer* (1556) E7, Hetherunto ye se. . . how I haue in wordes onely made. . . a florisse before the fight, which I shortly luke æfter. 1611 BIBLE *Luke* xxi. 26.

d. To seek for, demand (qualities).

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* II. i. 251 The knave. . . hath all those requisites in him, that folly and greene mindes luke æfter. 1692 LOCKE *Educ.* 44 Wks. 1714 III. 41 There is yet another Reason, why Politeness of Manners, and Knowledge of the World, should principally be look'd æfter in a Tutor. 1821 COLEMAN *Levy, Convers.*, etc. II. 98 Those marks which too frequently are overlooked, by every woman who has ever reflected on the words 'my future Husband'.

e. To busy oneself about, concern oneself with; to give consideration to, consider.

1650 CROMWELL *Let.* 17 July in *Carlyle*, O how good it is to close with Christ betimes: there is nothing else worth looking after. 1662 STILLINGF. *Orig. Sacr.* II. vii. 53 God himself did dispense with the strict ceremonial precepts of the Law, where men did look after the main and substantial parts of the worship God required from them. 1695 WOODWARD *Nat. Hist. Earth* III. ii. 162 My Subject does not necessarily oblige me to look after this Water, or to point forth the place whereinto 'tis now retreated. 1701 W. WORTON *Hist. Rome, Alex.* i. 430 He could not look after his Sons' Education. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. 536 Under pretence of looking after the election, Clarendon set out for the West.

f. To attend to; to take care of; to 'see to' the safety or well-being of.

1375 BARBOUR *Brace* iv. 616 Eftir the fyre he lukit fast. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. ii. 146 Saist thou so (old Iacke) . . . He make more of thy olde body than I haue done: will they yet looke after thee? 1601 — *Town. N.* I. v. 144 He's in the third degree of drinke: hee's drown'd; go looke after him. 1737 BRACKEN *Ferriery Impr.* (1736) I. 341 The many Boys I haue had to look after my Horses. 1777 SHERIDAN *Sch. for Scand.* II. i. I shall just call in to look after my own character. 1847 MARRVAT *Child. N. Forest* iv. You must look after the pony and the pig. 1885 F. ANSTLEY *Timed Venus* 30 The person who 'looked after him' did not sleep on the premises. 1891 *Law Times* XC1. 32/2 In theory, no doubt, the investor should look after his own interests.

g. To keep watch upon. ? rare.

1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* I. ii. 148 Is Lechery so look'd æfter? 1674 C. MANNERS in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 25 Our Navy puts out again to sea. . . and we shall then looke after the Holland Indian fleet. 1821 *Examiner* 742/1 The police look after all breaches of the peace.

† 13. look against —. To look at (something dazzling). *Obs.*

a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1597 Swuch loome & liht leitede prinne, þæt ne mahten ha shew lokin þer asynes. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. ii. 254 Shew is too bright to be look'd against. look at —. See senses 1 and 3.

14. look behind —. With *pron.* used *refl.* (For literal uses see 1 a and BEHIND *prep.*) *not* or *never* to look behind one: colloq., to have an uninterrupted career of advancement or prosperity.

1852 SERJ. BELLASIS in E. Bellasis *Mem.* (1893) 150 He did not look behind him, but got better and better.

look beside —. See BESIDE *prep.* 4 a.

15. look for —

a. To expect, to hope for, anticipate, be on the watch for.

1513 Q. KATH. in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 153 The Scots being soo busy . . . and I loking for my departing every houre. 1526 TINDALE 2 *Pet. iii.* 13 Nevertheless we luke for a neve heven & a newe erth accordyng to his promes. 1548 UDALL, etc. *Erasr. Par. John* 74 a. If thou be that very Messias whome we look for, tell it vs openly without all colour. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 21 Into England, where he was sooner arryved than he was looked for. 1611 BIBLE *Matt.* xi. 3 Art thou hee that should come? Or doe wee looke for another? 1684 *Contempl. State* Man I. vii. (1699) 77 Death steals . . . upon us, when we least look for it. 1796 C. LUCAS *Ess. Waters* I. 121 We may look for the residuum . . . to be in general very compound. 1828 *Examiner* 403/1 We must not look for figs from brambles. 1853 Mrs. CARLYLE *Lett.* II. 229, I must write, to tell them they may look for me any day. 1868 BAIN *Ment. & Mor. Sci.* 161 Looking for favour, we may encounter contumely. 1887 E. F. BYRNE *Heir without Heritage* I. iii. 56, I look for you to join us. *ellipt.* a 1548 HALL *Chron.*, Hen. V. 47 Informed by his espialles that the daie of battail was nerer then he loked for. 1596 DALRYMPLE tr. *Leslie's Hist. Scot.* VI. 332 Henrie tariet lunge thar than any man luket for.

b. To seek, to search for.

1586 WHITNEY *Choice of Emblems* To Rdr. (1866), A pearl shall not be looked for in a poore man's purse. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* III. i. 3 Which way haue you look'd for Master Caius. 1861 DASENT *Burial Njral* I. 31 He had best look for a wife. 1871 R. H. HUTTON *Ess.* (1877) I. 39 It . . . studies to find the higher unity. . . by looking for a uniting power. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 52 People who sweep the house to look for a thing. 1882 Black & White 26 Nov. 602/2 Caroline went to look for her a few hours afterwards.

c. Sc. To look at, to observe.

1785 BURNS *Hallowe'en* x, Nell's heart was dancin' in the view. She whisper'd Rob to luke for!

16. look into —

¶ a. After L. *respicere* in of the Vulgate: To have respect to. *Obs.*

a 1400 *Frymer* (1891) 56 (Pa. ci[il]) He lokede in to [Vulg. *respicit in*] the priore of mecke men.

b. To direct one's sight to the interior of. (See 1 a and INTO *prep.*) Also, to consult (a book) in a cursory manner.

1538 COVERDALE *Ezek.* xxi. 21 To axe Councell at the Idole, and to luke in to the lyuen. a 1674 CLARENDON *Surv. Levant* (1676) 336 Not only that the Scriptures are the Mount. . . but that they may not be look'd into. 1700 STRALE *Tatler* No. 47 P. 5, I so far observed his Counsel, that I looked into Shakespear. 1732 BERKELEY *Alciph.* v. 17 To be convinced of this truth, you need only look into Thucydides. 1832 TENNYSON *Mariana* in *South* 75 An image seem'd . . . To look into her eyes and say, [etc.]. 1841 LANE *Arab. Nts.* I. 99 The fisherman, looking into the lake saw in it fish of different colours. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. 27 With such feelings, both parties looked into the chronicles of the middle ages. Both readily found what they sought.

c. To examine (a matter) minutely; to investigate (a question).

a 1586 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (1590) 37 Those imperfections . . . you by the daily mending of your mind haue of late bin able to luke into them, which before you could not discern. 1598 SHAKS. *Merry W.* II. i. 245 Well, I will luke further into 't. 1604 E. G. [GRIMSTONE] *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* II. iii. 86 Let us now luke into the temperature of Panama and all that coast. 1659 *Trial Bps.* 126 The only thing that is to be lookt into. 1859 TENNYSON *Emid* 1771 Thither came The King's own leech to look into his hurt. 1879 HUXLEY *Hum.* vi. 117 It is needful to look narrowly into the propositions here laid down. 1890 A. GISSING *Village Hampden* III. i. 15 Read your newspapers; look into the rights of things.

d. To enter (a house, etc.) for a few moments in passing. Cf. look in (37 b).

1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 296 It is said . . . that His Majesty deigned to look into the tennis court.

† 17. look of —. Confusedly used for look on.

1530 TINDALE *Deut.* vi. 4-7 *marg.*, It is hersey with vs for a laye man to lode of gods word or to reade it. 1570 T. WILSON, tr. *Demosthenes' Olynthiacs* Ep. to Sir W. Cecil, Ofen he woulde englyshe his matters out of the Latine or Greeke vpon the sodeyne, by looking of the booke onely. a 1592 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* iv. iv. Curt. And where didst meet him? *Phil.* Within 40 foot of the Gallows, conning his neck-verse I take it, looking of a Fryars Execution.

18. look on —. (See also senses 1 and 3.)

a. To pay regard to; to hold in esteem; to respect; = look upon, 24 a. Now *dial.*

a 1548 HALL *Chron.*, Hen. VI. 175 [He] shewed to them his letters Patentes, but neither he nor his writings, was once regarded or looked on. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI.* v. vii. 22, I am not look'd on in the world. 1669 LUTTRELL *Brief Rel.*

(1857) I. 616 Father Petre is now at Rome, but is not much lookt on there. 1859 GEO. ELIOT A. *Bede* li. He'd be a fine husband for anybody, . . . so looked-on as' so cliver as he is.

b. To regard or consider as; = look upon, 24 c. 1629 EARLE *Microcosm.*, Good old Man (Arb.) 89 All men looke on him as a common father. 1662 STILLINGF. *Orig. Sacr.* I. ii. 39 Mercuriall books, . . . which none of the wiser Heathens did ever looke on as any other then Fables. a 1715 BURNET *Own Time* (1724) I. 606 So they looked on him as a dead man. 1848 *Cruiser Digest* (ed. 2) III. 240 It was to be looked on as an evidence, that [etc.]. 1853 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XII. i. 190, I should look on them as omens of bad success. 1892 *Monthly Packet* Mar. 316 Every one . . . looked on victory as certain.

c. To regard with a specified feeling; = look upon, 24 b.

1846 KEBLE *Serm.* xiii. (1848) 325 As, in medicine, wise men look coldly on remedies which profess to be quite perfect and infallible. 1878 R. H. HUTTON *Scott* ix. 99 A publisher . . . looks on authors' MSS. . . with distrust. 1882 GARDINER & MULLINGER *Study Eng. Hist.* I. iii. 40 Edwin and Morcar . . . looked on him with family jealousy.

d. to look on (or to) the bright (or worst, etc.) side: to regard or consider something with optimism (or dismay, etc.). Cf. SIDE *sb.* 10.

a 1784 JOHNSON in E. Fuller *Thesaurus Quots.* (1941) 667/1 The habit of looking on the best side of every event is worth more than a thousand pounds a year. 1833 W. F. HOOK *Let.* 9 Dec. in W. R. Stephens *Life & Lett. W. F. Hook* (1878) I. iv. 258, I am a bit of an optimist, I always look to the bright side of things. 1839 [see SIGHT 2, 1 c]. 1848 J. RUSSELL *Let.* 17 Mar. in M. Lutyens *Ruskins & Grays* (1972) xi. 98 My disposition is to look to the worst side of things and . . . I feared you were entirely ruined. 1852 Mrs. SNOWS *Uncle Tom's Cabin* II. xxiv. 82 Well, of course, if you can look on the bright side, pray do. 1914 R. FROST *North of Boston* 69 But I don't count on it as much as Len. He looks on the bright side of everything. 1942 'P. WENTWORTH' *Pursuit of Parcel* xi. 51 Well, ducks, I shouldn't take on. Look on the bright side.

19. look over —. (See also simple senses and OVER *prep.*) a. To peruse or inspect cursorily; †to examine, pass in review.

1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* iv. ii. 38 Euery man looke ore his part: for, our play is preferred. 1675 SOUTH *Serm.* (1823) I. 301 Look over the whole creation, and you shall see, that [etc.]. 1684 CRECHET tr. *Juvenal* xiii. 164 Look o'er the present and the former time. 1780 CHARLOTTE BURNBY in *Mad. D'Arbly's Early Diary* (1889) II. 285 My father and him next went to looking over the prints. 1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Book* (1859) 3 When . . . I look over the hints and memorandums I have taken down. 1848 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* IX. ii. 366 The plantation would be looked over every year, and the weakest trees . . . taken out. 1855 LD. HOUGHTON in T. W. Reid *Life* (1891) I. xi. 527 Mrs. Gaskell asked me to come and look over Miss Brontë's papers.

b. To ignore, leave out of consideration. Now only, to overlook, pardon (a fault).

1666 BUNYAN *Grace Ab.* P. 50 Though I endeavoured at the first to look over the business of Faith. 1887 *Murray's Mag.* II. 425 He forgave her, and looked over her conduct. 1890 A. GISSING *Village Hampden* II. xii. 263 Let us just warn the man, and look over it this time.

c. Sc. To look after, take care of.

1790 BURNS *Kind Sir, I've read*, 21 Royal George, the Lord leuk o'er him.

20. look through —. (Cf. 43.)

a. To direct one's sight through (an aperture, a transparent body, or something having interstices); also fig. †to look through one's fingers at: to pretend not to see; to connive at. †to look through a hempen window: to be hanged.

1508 DUNBAR *Tua mariit women* 15 Throw pykis of the plet thorne I presadilte luket. Gif you peron wald approche. 1549 LATIMER *5th Serm.* *ed. Edw. VI* (Arb.) 152 They loke throw ther fyngers and wil not se it. 1580 LVLV *Euphuus* (Arb.) 289 Since your eyes are so sharpe, that you cannot onely looke through a milstone, but cleane through the minde. 1592 SHAKS. *Jul. C.* I. ii. 202 He lookes Quite through the Deeds of men. 1601 — *All's Well* II. iii. 226 So my good window of Lettice fere thee well, thy casement I need not open, for I look through thee. 1610 SIR J. MELVILLE *Mem.* (1683) 1 For revenge Henry VIII looked through his fingers at the preachers of the Reformed Religion. 1627 J. TAYLOR (Water P.) *Armado* Wks. (1630) I. 77/2 Making their wills at Wapping or looking throw a hempen window at St. Thomas Waterings. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.* *Meare Formall Men* (Arb.) 30 When you haue scene his outside, you haue lookt through him. 1700 STRALE *Tatler* No. 44 P. 5 The World is grown too wise, and can look through these thin Devises. 1830 TENNYSON *Lilian* 10 She, looking thro' and thro' me, Thoroughly to undo me, Smiling, never speaks. 1870 BRYANT *Iliad* I. iv. 123 Why look through The spaces that divide the warlike ranks?

† b. To be visible through. *Obs.*

1596 SHAKS. *Tom. Shr.* Induct. ii. 12 Such shooes as my toes look through the ouer-leather. 1602 — *Ham.* iv. vii. 152 That our drift looke through our bad performance, 'Twere better not assaid.

c. To direct one's view over the whole of; to peruse cursorily from end to end; to glance through (a book).

1585 GOLDING *Orid's Met.* II. (1567) 16 Looke through the world so wide . . . aske what thou lykest best. 1633 FORD *'Tis Pity* I. i. Looke through the world, and thou shalt see a thousand faces shine More glorious, then this Idoll thou ador'st. 1732 POPE *Ess. Man* I. 32 But of this frame the bearings, and the ties, . . . Gradations just, has thy perusing soul look'd thro'? 1858 MACAULAY in *Trevelyan's Life* (1876) II. xiv. 452, I looked through . . . two volumes.

21. look to —. (See also 1, 3, 6, and TO *prep.*) a. To direct a look or glance to. In early use chiefly *Sc.*, equivalent to the mod. look at (see 3 a).

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* IV. 321 Than lukit he awfully thame to. c.1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xviii. (Egipciane) 350 pane stud pe monk... to pe erde lukand. c.1450 HOLLAND *Houlat* 900 He monk in his lykame that lymt so licht. 1508 DUNBAR *Twa marrit women* 120. I dar nought luk to my luf for that lene gif. 1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. iv. 17 (1604 Qo.). The very place puts toyas of desperation... into every brain That looks so many fadomes to the sea And heares it rore beneath. 1631 BIBLE *1 Sam.* xvi. 12 He was... of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. 1860 TYNDALE *Glac.* I. xviii. 123 We looked to the sky at intervals.

b. To direct one's attention to; to select for consideration. In Biblical use, *occas.* to regard with favour.

c. 897 K. ÆLFRED *Gregory's Past.* xli. 300 To hwæm locize ic buton to ðe eam eadmodum? 1340 *Ayend.* 89 Hy soolden loki to hare zope uorbyane Ihesu crist. c.1350 *Cursor M.* 28877 (Cort. Galba) Crist lukes noght to pe almus dede... bot efter gode will of pe gifer. 1559 KINGSMYLL *Confl. Satan* (1578) 5 Loke to thy former wayes what they have bene. 1580 SIDNEY *Pr.* xviii. vii. I walk'd his [God's] waies... Still to his judgements look't. 1604 E. G. (RIMSTONE) *D'Acosta's Hist. Indies* iii. lii. 126 Speaking... of the qualitie of the windes, we must... looke to the coastes or partes of the world from whence they proceede. 1611 BIBLE *Isa.* lxi. 2 To this man will I looke, even to him that is poore and of a contrite spirit. 1644 MILL *Ess.* 87 If we look only to the effects which are intended. 1847 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* VIII. 1. 12 Graziers look more to quality than quantity of wool. 1891 *Law Times* XCII. 18/2 We incline to think that there will be an appeal... looking to the terms of sect. 49 of the Judicature Act.

c. To attend to, take care of; to tend, nurse (a sick person).

a. 1300 St. Gregory 1088 in *Archiv. Stud. neu. Spr.* LVIII. 70 An holy man... pat dygne were per to done [sc. to be made pope] and cristendome to loke to. c.1350 *Cat. Love* 1659 And 3e comforted me in prison eke, And loke to me when I was seke. a.1548 HALL *Chron.* VI 152 b. After the death of this prelate... the affayres in Fraunce, were neither well looked to, nor [etc.]. 1549 LATIMER *Serm. Ploughers* (Arb.) 24 Ye loke be prelates loke well to your office. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* v. 412 Come go with vs, wee'll looke to that anon. 1611 BIBLE *Yer.* xxxix. 12 Take him, and looke well to him, and doe him no harme. 1840 THACKERAY *Paris Sk.-bk.*, *Beatrice Merger*, Mother would never let me leave her, because I looked to my little brothers. 1855 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* xvi. III. 615 He ordered his own surgeon to look to the hurts of the captive. 1864 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XXV. 1. 88 The cider should be looked to every morning. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* II. vii. The yard gate-lock should be looked to, if you please; it don't catch.

d. In the imperative or in injunctive contexts: To direct one's solicitude to (something) as endangered or needing improvement.

1593 SHAKS. *Rich. II.* v. iii. 39 My Liege beware, looke to thy selfe. 1602 *and Pt. Return fr. Parnass.* iv. ii. 1880 Fellow looke to your braines; you are mad. 1630 HALES *Gold. Rem.* i. (1673) 281 The Refuter must be sure to looke to the strength of his reasons. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* vii. 'Look to your steps', said a voice. 1813 SHELLEY *Q. Mab* iv. 237 Look to thyself, priest, conqueror, or prince! 1869 T. HUGHES *Alfred G.* iii. 35 It behoved even the Holy Father to looke to his fighting gear. 1889 *Repent. P. Wentworth* II. v. 118 Then looke to your own ways and manners, sir!

e. To look to it: to be careful, beware. Often with *clause*, to take care, see that.

1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* III. i. 34 There is not a more fearful wild-fowl than your lion living; and we ought to looke to 't. 1600 — A. Y. L. III. i. 4 Looke to it, Finde out thy brother wheresoever he is. 1673 VILLIERS (Dk. Buckhm.) *Rehearsal* i. i. (Arb.) 45 Thus. Let the Critiques looke to 't. *Light*. Let the Ladies looke to 't. 1703 MAUNDRELL *Journ. Jerus.* (1732) 30 And they have reason to looke well to it. 1842 TENNYSON *Dora* 26 In my time a father's word was law, And so shall it be now for me. Look to it. 1894 *God. Words* May 292/1 She would looke to it that they had a roof over their heads.

f. To keep watch upon.

c.1400 *Destr. Troy* 6257 Lokis well to pe listes, but no lede passel a. 1548 HALL *Chron.* Hen. V 85b, His keepers looked more narrowly to hym than thei did before. 1577-87 HOLLINSEDE *Chron.* (1807-8) II. 233 He committed him to the keeping of certein gentlemen, which without much courtesie looked straightlye inough to him for starting awaie. 1593 NOTTINGHAM *Rec.* IV. 238 That all the alhousess of the back syd of the town may be lookte too. 1634 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* 83 For two years hee [a prisoner] was strictly lookt too. 1752 J. LOUTHIAN *Form of Process* (ed. 2) 209 And then desires the Keeper to take A. B. the Prisoner from the Bar, and looke to him, for he stands convicted of High Treason. 1802 MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. xix. 167 Constable, looke to your prisoner. 1819 SHELLEY *Cenci* IV. iv. 54 Sound the alarm; Look to the gates that none escape!

g. To direct one's expectations to; to rely on (a person, etc.) for something.

1611 BIBLE *Eccles.* xxiv. 15 Blessed is the soule of him that feareth the Lord: to whom doeth he looke? 1806 WINDHAM *Speech* 22 Dec., 'Man and steel, the soldier and his sword', are the only productions of a country that can be looked to with confidence for its protection and security. 1822 *Examiner* 227/2 To them then are the holders... to look for payment? 1885 *Law Times Rep.* LIII. 226/2 The consignee is the person to whom a carrier looks for the price of the carriage of goods. 1892 *Blackw. Mag.* CLI. 220/2, I looke to you to help us.

h. To look forward to (see 36); to expect, count upon.

1782 COWPER *Table Talk* 495 A terrible sagacity informs The poet's heart, he looks to distant storms, He hears the thunder ere the tempest lowers. 1804 WELLESLEY in *Owen Desp.* 274 The French have never ceased to look to the re-establishment of their power. 1824 *Examiner* 108/1 Baron Gifford... looks to the Seals, when Lord Eldon retires. 1845 STOCQUELER *Handbk. Brit. India* (1854) 31 Clerks in the public offices is the line of employment which the body of them look to.

i. To show affinity to. *rare*.

1835 KIRBY *Hab. & Inst. Anim.* II. xxiv. 514 The bear seems to look towards the sloth; and the feline race, in their whiskers and feet, look to the hares and rats.

22. a. look toward(s) — (See simple senses and TOWARD, TOWARDS prep.)

a. 1240 *Lofsting in Cott. Hom.* 211 Leoue louerd ieu crist loke toward me aec ich liggelowe. a. 1310 in *Wright Lyric P.* 69 *Ihesu*... With thine suete eyen loke toward me. 1821 SHELLEY *Epipych.* 516, I have fitted up some chambers there Looking towards the golden Eastern air.

b. To look towards a person: in vulgar speech, to drink his health (? obs. exc. jocular). Also, to look at (a person).

1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* liii. The ladies drank to his 'salut', and Mr. Moss, in the most polite manner 'looked towards him'. 1853 'C. BADE' *Verdant Green* II. iii. The Pet... drank their healths with the prefatory remark 'I looks towards you gentl' 1880 STEVENSON & HENLEY *Deacon Brodie* i. 24 Deacon, I looks towards you. 1890 B. L. FARJON *Mystery of M. Felix* I. iii. 26 Mrs. Middlemore... you're a lady after my own heart... Here's looking towards you. 1920 A. NOYES *Cat. Poems* I. 241, I looks to-wards you, Prester John, you've done us very proud! 1930 J. DOS PASSOS *42nd Parallel* I. 119 'Pard, have that on me...' 'Thanks, here's lookin at you.'

c. = look to, 211 (where see quot. 1835).

1879 A. W. TOURGEE *Food's Errand* xlv. 330 There could be nothing looking towards marriage between us. 1903 A. T. HADLEY *Relations between Freedom & Responsibility* 15 A series of negotiations rather than discussions, looking toward compromise rather than toward mutual enlightenment. 1904 T. N. PAGE in *McClure's Mag.* 621 The South regarded jealously any teaching of the Negroes which looked toward equality. 1923 T. J. GRAYSON *Leaders & Periods Amer. Finance* xlii. 278 The thing to do was to take no precipitate action looking toward reumption.

23. look upon — *arch.* = look to, in various senses: see 21 a-f.

a. 1300 *Cusor M.* 14333 Iesus he loked vnto pe lift. 1526 TINDALE *Hebr.* xii. 2 Lokynge vnto Iesus, the auctor and fynnyshar of oure fayth. 1545 RAYMOND *Byrrh Manhynde Yv.* In a fayre garden... if it be not regarded and loken vnto, the weedes... wyll [etc.]. a. 1550 *Freiris Berwik* 99 in *Dunbar's Poems* (1893) 288 The gudwyf lukit vnto the Freiris tway. 1591 SPENSER *M. Hubberd* 292 For ere that vnto armes I me betooke, Unhappy father sheepe I uide to looke. 1593 SHAKS. *Ham.* VI. i. 1. 208 Then let me haste away, And looke vnto the maine. 1598 *Tr. Aristotle's Politiques* 379 And it should especially be looked vnto children, that they neither heare nor see such things. 1611 BIBLE *Isa.* xiv. 22 Looke vnto mee, and be ye saued. 1642 C. VERNON *Consid. Exch.* 88 Abuses... will grow like ill weeds... unless they be looked vnto and weeded out.

24. look upon — (See also senses 1 and 3.)

†a. To pay regard to; esp. to regard favourably, hold in esteem; = look on, 18 a. Obs. c. 1315 in *Ellis Orig. Lett.* Ser. III. I. 181 Yf yr had not ben lokyd vpon bytymes, I suppose yr wold not have ben abull to have contynuyd a Monastery flower. 1533 CROMWELL *Let.* 9 July in *Merriman Life & Lett.* (1902) 1 357 For Locke... whereof ye haue forfeited to the kinges highnes the Somme of one thousande markes which... ye ought substantiallylye to looke vpon for the king is no person to be deluded... with all. 1533 *Gay Rich Yv* 101 God hes lukit apone ye powerte of his madine or seruand. 1611 BIBLE *2 Mac.* vii. 6 The Lord God looketh vpon vs.

b. With adv. or adj. complement: To regard with a certain expression of countenance, or with a certain feeling; = look on, 18 c.

1619 MIDDLETON *Inner Temple Masque* 23 The nearest kin I have looks shy upon me. 1669 MAXWELL *tr. Herodian* (1635) 61 The Romans Citizens being thus surrounded with direfull mis-haps... beganne to looke sower upon Commodus. 1633 MASSINGER *Guardian* IV. ii. I looke with sore eyes upon her good fortune, and wish it were mine own. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 37 ¶ 5, I looke upon her with a mixture of Admiration and Pity. 1740 *tr. De Mouhy's Fort. Country-Maid* (1741) I. 273, I fancied he look'd something sweet upon me. 1847 MARYAT *Childr.* N. *Forest* xxv. Edward was... satisfied that he was not quite looked upon with indifference by Patience Heatherstone. 1864 TENNYSON *Enoch Arden* 56 And all men look'd upon him favourably. c. To regard as, to consider to be so-and-so (cf. 18 b). †Also, to look upon it: to be of opinion that.

1662 STILLINGFEE. *Orig. Sac.* III. ii. §9 Both Pythagoras and Plato looked upon constitutionem sylva to bee opus providentia. 1665 BOYLE *Occas. Refl.* Adv. A Change of Circumstances, has occasion'd the Publication of these Papers... in such a way as will make most Readers look upon them as containing a story purely Romantic. 1674 BREVINT *Saul at Endor* 237 It is lookt upon, as one of those very strange things, which if she doth, it is seldom. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 31 ¶ 2 This Objection was looked upon as frivolous. *Ibid.* No. 191 ¶ 7 This Morning... I set up an Equipage which I look upon to be the gayest in the Town. 1756 C. LUCAS *Est. Waters* I. 151 The antients looked upon water as the first principle of all created things. 1793 SKEATON *Edynton* L. 3500, I now looked upon it that we might think ourselves secure. 1822 *Examiner* 203/1 You are looked upon as a kind lord.

V. With adverbs.

25. look about. *intr.* See simple senses and ABOUT *adv.* fig. to be on the watch, on the look-out. Also const. for (tafter): to be in search of. (Cf. to look about one, 11 b.)

a. 1300 K. Horn 1087 He lokede aboute, Myd is coldeed smoute. 1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* xxi. 666 The fox... Lukit about sum hill to see. c. 1420 LYDGE. *Assembly of Gods* 347 She lokede about as though she had be mad. a. 1423 *Cursor M.* 11744 (Trin.) As þei to gider talking were þei lokede aboute fer & nere. c. 1480 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* xxi. 445 And when rowlande was come out of the cave, he loked about for to know where they were. 1530 PALSGR. 613/2, I loke aboute, as one dothe that taketh the vewe of a place or contray. 1566 ADLINGTON *Apuleius* VII. xiii. (1803) 152 The shepherds

looking about for a Cow that they had lost. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom. & Jul.* III. v. 40 The day is broke, be wary, looke about. 1610 — *Temp.* I. ii. 410. 1611 BIBLE *Tobit* xi. 5 Now Anna sate looking about towards the way for her sonne. 1704 NORRIS *Ideal World* II. x. 395 Like the man who... looks about after the candle which he has all the while on his own he. 1724 DE FOE *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 155 It was time to looke about. 1750 *Student* I. 323 The fidler... soon after enter'd... and then every man look'd about for his partner. *Mod.* The last time I saw him he was looking about for something to do.

26. look abroad. *intr.* See simple senses and ABROAD *adv.*

c. 1450 [see ABROAD *adv.* 4]. 1664 WALLER *From a Child* 4 Before our Violets dare look abroad. 1784 COWPER *Task* v. 738 He looks abroad into the varied field Of nature. 1834 L. RITCHIE *Wand.* by Seine 192 The young men do not look abroad for a wife.

27. look again, againward. *intr.* To look back. Also fig. Obs.

a. 1235 *Leg. Kath.* 335 Heo as me ledde hire, lokede azeinward, for ludinge þæt he herde. c. 1320 [see AGAINWARD *adv.* 1]. c. 1350 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 41 No man sendynge his hond to be plow3 and lokenge a-zen is able to be kyngdom of god. c. 1400 [see AGAIN *adv.* 18].

28. look aloft. *intr.* To aspire, be ambitious. Obs.

1533 FRITH *Agit. Rastell* (1829) 236 If the remnants of sin fortune at any time to look aloft and begin to reign, then he sendeth some cross of adversity or sickness to help to suppress them. 1569 [see ALOFT 1]. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* I. 162 By this marriage, Egeldred began to looke a loft, and thought much of himselfe.

29. look allow. *intr.* To humble oneself.

1582 BENTLEY *Mon. Matrones* II. 33 There is no saint so perfect... but looking a-lowe, shall find himselfe vnworthy, and so stop his mouth.

30. a. look around. *intr.* To look in several directions; fig. to take a comprehensive view of things.

1754 A. MURPHY *Gray's Inn Jrnl.* No. 93 He looked around, and saw a reverend Form advance towards him. 1793 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Rom. Forest* (1820) I. 185 Louis looked around in search of La Motte. 1847 MRS. A. KERR *Hist. Servia* 239 When the Servians now looked around, they congratulated themselves on having made a successful campaign. 1880 NEWMAN SMYTH *Old Faiths in New Light* II. (1882) 32 We look around sceptical of our own impressions.

b. = look round (sense 42 c). Also, to search about for.

1803 'MARK TWAIN' *Life on Mississippi* xliii. 437 I'll look around a little, and if I can't do better I'll come back and take it. 1907 H. CRANE *Let.* 14 Mar. (1965) 290 I'm looking around for some sort of 'avocation'. 1974 'M. INNES' *Appleby's Other Story* x. 81 Upper servants are frequently left in residence as caretakers... if it happens at Elvedon, it will give you time to look around.

31. look aside. *intr.* To turn aside one's eyes; to look obliquely.

1508 DUNBAR *Gold. Targe* 225 On syde scho lukit wyth an fremyt fare. 1530 PALSGR. 613/2, I loke asyde by chance, or caste myn eye asyde. *Ibid.*, I loke asyde upon one by disdayne. 1555 BROWNING *Andrea del Sarto* 147 They pass and loke aside.

look askance, askew, askint: see the advs.

32. look back. *intr.*

a. To turn and look at something in the direction from which one is going or from which one's face is turned.

1598 ELYOT *Dict.* *Respicio*, to loke backe, to haue regarde [etc.]. a. 1590 SIDNEY *Arcadia* I. (1590) 2 At yonder rising of the ground she turned her selfe, looking backe toward her woonted abode. 1594 SHAKS. *Rich. III.* III. v. 19 Locke back, defend thee, here are Enemies. 1669 MILTON *P.L.* xii. 641 They looking back, all th' Eastern side beheld Of Paradise, so late their happy seat. 1712-14 POPE *Rape of Lock* III. 138 Thrice she look'd back, and thrice the foe drew near. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* xii. Often they looked back to the convent, expecting to see lights issue from the avenue.

b. To direct the mind to something that is past; to think on the past. Const. *into, on, upon, to*.

1599 SHAKS. *Ham.* V. i. ii. 102 Gracious Lord... Look back into your mightie Ancestors. 1651 BAXTER *Saints' Rest* IV. 130 Is it not a very little time when thou lookest back on it? 1711 STEELE *Spect.* No. 100 ¶ 1 A Man advanced in Years that thinks fit to look back upon his former Life. 1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 200 He would have looked back with remorse on a literary life of near thirty years. 1889 MALLOCK *Enchanted Island* 221 Experiences like these are always fresh to look back upon. 1892 *Eng. Illustr.* Mag. IX. 331 One portion of my life is not pleasant to look back to. c. To look to a person for something. (? After L. *respiciere*.) Obs.

1646 P. BULKELEY *Gospel Coit.* 1. 52 The whole creation looks backe unto him that made it for preservation in their being.

†d. *trans.* = look back to. Obs.

1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* III. xi. 53 See How I conuey my shame, out of thine eyes, By looking backe what I haue left behinde Stroy'd in dishonor.

e. *collog.* in negative contexts: To show signs of retrogression or interrupted progress. (Cf. 14.)

1893 *Daily News* 5 Jan. 3/6 Since that day St. Simon has never, to use a slang phrase of the day, 'looked back'. 1928 *Observer* 17 June 27/4 Since they adopted the bold experiment... of changing the date of their regatta... Marlow Amateur Regatta has never looked back. 1936 'N. BLAKE' *Thou Shell of Death* I. 17 His origin is shrouded in mystery.

Turned up suddenly in the R.F.C. early in July, Jules Verne... wrote *Five Weeks in a Balloon*, scored an immediate success, and never looked back. 1973 *Times* 31 Apr. 47/7 The play ran into the war, and she has never looked back.



## 33. look down.

a. *intr.* See simple senses and DOWN *adv.*

1200 [see 45a]. c1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* xxxvii. (Vincencius) 326 Keparis of be presone, þat þru smal holis lokit done. c1470 HENRY Wallace v. 146 Vpon Fawdoun as he was lukand doune. 1562 PILKINGTON *Expos. Aduyas* Pref. 3 Hee that sittes on high looked doune to the lowe dungeon of the pryson, and raised Joseph to be ruler. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* v. i. 201 Looke doune you gods And on this couple drop a blessed crowne. 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* ii. viii. I looked down upon the servants... as if they had been pigmies, and I a giant. 1871 FREEMAN *Norm. Conq.* (1876) IV. xviii. 212 Thus is formed the promontory of Lincoln looking down upon the river to the South of it.

b. *fig. to look down on, upon:* to hold in contempt, to scorn; to consider oneself superior to.

1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 255 ¶9 A solid and substantial Greatness of Soul looks down with a generous Neglect on the Censures and Applauses of the Multitude. 1728 VENEZ *Sincere Penitent* Ded. Looking down upon it with a generous contempt of all its vanities. 1839 JESSOP *Coming of Friars* ii. 85 The monks looked down upon the parsons, and stole their endowments from them. 1893 *Chamb. Jnl.* 29 July 476/1 They are... looked down upon and scorned.

c. To have a downcast or mournful look.

1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* lvi. 12 It is no glad collatioun Qhair an makis myrie, and ther lukis doune.

d. *Comm.* To tend downwards in price.

1806 *Ann. Reg.* 49 The bounties would begin soon, in the language of 'Change Alley, to be looking down'. 1825 HONE *Every-day Bk.* I. 173 Who, when the shares 'look down', try to sell.

e. *trans.* To quell or overcome by one's looks.

1812 Niles' *Reg.* III. 45/2 Volunteer companies... are rolling to the frontiers, in force sufficient to look down opposition. 1837 Knickerbocker IX. 361 We're a free trader... and are forced to go well armed, to look down all resistance. 1838 J. F. COOPER *Homeward Bound* I. viii. 194 If the people cannot control and look down peculiarity... one might as well live in a despotism at once. 1840 DICKENS *Humphrey's Clock*, *Close-ack* 33, I never could look the boy down. 1847 MRS. GORE *Casles in Air* xxx. (1857) 285 Having no important witnesses present... to look me down while I was bragging.

34. look downward. *intr.* = look down, 33. c1400, 1564 [see DOWNWARD A. 1b]. 1667 MILTON *P.L.* III. 722 Look downward on the Globe whose higher side With light from hence, though but reflected, shines. 1823 *Examiner* 104/1 Consols were rather looking downward.

35. look forth. *intr.* To look out (of a window, etc., on to something). Now *arch.* and *poet.*

c1420 LYDG. *Assembly of Gods* 1982 Then lokyd I forth as Doctryne me badde. 1508 DUNBAR *Tua mariit wemen* 30, I salbe laith to lat him le, quhill I may luke furth. 1611 BIBLE *Song Sol.* ii. 9 He looketh forth... at the windowe. 1667 MILTON *P.L.* xii. 209 Through the Firey Pillar and the Cloud God looking forth will trouble all his Host. c1775 T. LINDSEY *Song*. Look forth, look forth, my fairest! Thy faithful knight is nigh. 1781 COWPER *Friendship* 80 Jealousy looks forth distressed On good that seems approaching. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* I. i. The warder... from old Balio's tower looks forth. 1828 LYTTON *Pelham* xvii. The chevalier looked wistfully forth.

36. look forward. *intr.* (See FORWARD B. 1 b.) *Const.* to, occas. *for*, *þon*.

1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* iv. iii. 61 Looke forward on the journeye you shall go. 1737 POPE *Rom. Ep.* ii. ii. 314 Pleas'd to look forward, pleas'd to look behind, a 1766 MRS. F. SHERIDAN *Nourjahad* (1767) 71 The loss of Mandana imbibers all my joys, and methinks I begin to look forward with disgust. 1844 H. H. WILSON *Brit. India* III. 48 They... looked forward to the speedy expulsion of the intruders. 1861 THACKERAY *Adv. Philip* xxxii. The way in which we looked forward for letters from our bride and bridegroom. 1892 *Temple Bar* Nov. 379 We were looking forward to a merry time.

## 37. look in.

a. See simple senses and IN *adv.*

a1300 *Cursor M.* 17288 + 188 (Cott.) Iohne... looked in & saye þe schetzer, but he dorst not gang in. 1483 *Cath. Angl.* 233/2 To luke in, *inspicere*. 1500-20 DUNBAR *Poems* xlviii. 10 Me thoctit Aurora... In at the window lukit by the day. 1535 COVERDALE *Song Sol.* ii. 9 He... loketh in at the windowe, & pepeth thorow the grate. 1591 SHAKS. *1 Hen. VI.* i. iv. 62 Here, through this Grate... Let vs looke in, the sight will much delight thee. 1830 TENNYSON *Mermaid* 26 That great sea-snake... Would... look in at the gate With his large calm eyes. 1839 LONGF. *Vill. Blackism.* iv. And children coming home from school Look in at the open door.

b. To enter a room, etc. for the purpose of seeing something; hence, in mod. use, to make a call, to call (upon a person); to 'drop in' for a short stay or interview.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* v. ii. 257 Looke in vpon me then, and speake with me. 1610 — *Temp.* v. i. 167 This Cell's my Court... pray you looke in. 1799 in *Spirit Pub.* *Rev.* III. 121 To fashionably and carelessly look in at Tattersall's. 1837 DICKENS *Pickwick*, ii. Will 'o' clock be too late to look in for half an hour? 1884 G. GISSING *Unclassed* III. vi. 126 Could you manage to look in at the office tomorrow? 1890 CLARK RUSSELL *Ocean Trak* III. xxvi. 4 I'll look in upon him after breakfast. 1892 *Temple Bar* Oct. 164 He would look in at the jeweller's at once and get her that bracelet. 1892 MRS. OLIPHANT *Marriage Elinor* II. xviii. 46 Some prodigious reception to which people 'looked in' for half an hour.

c. [After listen in, LISTEN v. 2 e.] *intr.* To watch a television programme. *colloq.*

1927 *Pictorial Weekly* 5 Mar. 100/1 We shall then 'look-in' by wireless and see events and scenes at a distance. 1928 *Daily Sketch* 7 Aug. 11/1 The public... can 'listen-in' or 'look-in' to the transmissions. 1950 *Ann. Reg.* 1949 418 At the end of October there were... 206,000 [television] sets licensed and... as many as a million people regularly looking-

in. 1959 J. BOLAND *Operation Red Carpet* v. 67, I often look-in when he's on.

†38. look off. To turn one's eyes away. *Obs.* 1710-11 SWIFT *Jnl.* to Stella 4 Jan. 20, no, look off, don't smile at me. 1738 — *Pol. Com.* 25 Why then, Mr. Neverout, do you see, if you don't much like it, you may look off of it. 1762-71 H. WALPOLE *Vertue's Anecd. Paint.* (1766) V. 113 Another small head of a man looking off.

39. look on. *intr.*

a. To direct one's looks towards an object in contemplation or observation; often, to be a mere spectator (and not a participator in the action). *to look on ahead:* to look forward into the future.

c1000 ÆLFRIC *Deut.* xxviii. 32 Sin pine suna and pine dohtra geseald oðrum folce, þær pu on locie [L. *videntibus oculis tuis*]. c1315 SHOREHAM (E.E.T.S.) i. 1295 So schulle þe rederes now Hy rede and conne on lowke. 1486 Sir G. HAVE *Low Arms* (S.T.S.) 303 A trefy of properties... that salbe gude and prouffitable for all men that on lukis. 1592 SHAKS. *Rom.* & *Jul.* i. iv. 38 He be a Candle-holder and looke on. 1628 EARLE *Microcosm.* Boule Alley (Arb.) 61 He enioyes it that looks on and bets not. 1744 OZELL *tr. Brantome's Sp. Rhodomontades* 21 Miscarrying in that Design too, he contented himself, for a while, to lye-by and look on. 1823 J. F. COOPER *Pioneers* iii. (1869) 14/1 One who looked on a-head to the wants of posterity. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) III. 63 Potters' boys are trained to the business by looking on at the wheel. 1879 M. PATTISON *Milton* x. 118 The world looks on and laughs.

b. *colloq.* to look on (with): to read from a book, etc., at the same time (with another person).

1893 *Cornh. Mag.* Jan. 64 They seem to have had a scarcity of music, necessitating a good deal of 'looking on'.

## 40. look out.

a. *intr.* (See simple senses and OUT.) To look from within a building or the like to the outside; also, to put one's head out of an aperture, e.g. a window.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 352 That I be nyhte mai arise, At som wyndowe and loken oute. c1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 63 To luke out on day light. a1548 HALL *Chron.* *VIII* 91 b. A prison and a man looking out at a grate. 1567 HARMAN *Caveat* 38 [She] wente vnto her hall windowe... and looking out therat, pointed with her finger. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* v. i. 131 Lord Timon, Timon, Looke out, and speake to Friends. a1625 FLETCHER *False One* i. ii. (Song) Looke out, bright eyes, and blisse the ayre: Even in shadowes you are faire. 1635 J. HAYWARD *tr. Biondi's Banish'd Virg.* 13 Looking out at it [the doore] all affrighted. 1855 TENNYSON *Maud* i. 2 The sun look'd out with a smile Betwixt the cloud and the moor.

*transf.* 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* vii. ii. (Rtldg.) 5 They... looked out at the corners of their eyes.

†b. To appear, show itself. *Obs.*

1606 SHAKS. *Tr. & Cy.* iv. v. 68 Her wanton spirit looks out At every ioynt, and motiue of her body. 1606 *Ant. & Cl.* v. i. 50 The business of this man looks out of him. 1607 — *Timon* iii. ii. 80.

c. To be on the watch or look-out; to exercise vigilance, take care. (Cf. LOOK-OUT.)

1602 B. JONSON *Poetaster* II. i. These Courtiers runne in my mind still; I must looke oute. 1655 C. CHAUNY in *Quint. Hist. Harvard Univ.* (1840) I. 469 That... your petition... may not be enforced to look out to alter his condition. 1704 F. FULLER *Med. Gymn.* (1711) Pref. It is high time to look out, and set upon a resolute Course of Riding. 1740 *tr. De Mowbray's Fort. Country-Maid* (1741) I. 79 Let us look out sharp where we are, this is the Place we lost her in. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s.v. Look-out. The mate of the watch... calls often from the quarter-deck, 'Look out afore there!' 1829 LANDOR *Imag. Conv.* Miguel & his Mother Wks. 1853 I. 560/1 Before that time I will look out sharply, and afterward you must. 1840 THACKERAY *Gt. Hoggarty Diamond* vi. 'Look out,' said that envious McWhirter to me. 1886 BESANT *Child. of Gibbon* II. ix. You'd better look out. Melenda's in a rage. 1892 *Black & White* 10 Sept. 301/2 We shall lose India if we don't look out.

d. To field, 'scout' (at cricket). ? *nonce-use.*

1837 DICKENS *Pickwick* vii. Several players were stationed, to 'look out', in different parts of the field.

e. To look out for: to watch or search for; to be on the look-out for; to await vigilantly.

1669 LADY CHAWORTH in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. v. 11 Some [are] so foolish now to cry the Duchess hath done it, to look out for love letters. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 268 ¶3 Where shall we find the Man who looks out for one who places her chief Happiness in the Practice of Virtue? 1742 BERKELEY *Let. to Gervais* 2 Feb., Wks. 1871 IV. 284, I wrote... to Dean Browne to look out for a six-stringed bass viol of an old make and mellow tone. 1766 GOLDSM. *Vic. W.* xxvi. Prepare then this evening to look out for work against to-morrow. 1828 SCOTT *F.M. Perth* xxvi. Rely on my looking out for your safety. 1831 O'CONNELL *Speech Ho. Comm.* 27 June. [They] begin to look out for disturbances — or as the sailors say, to look out for squalls. 1892 *Chamb. Jnl.* 4 June 361/2 I'll look out for something to do.

f. To have or afford an outlook (on, over, etc.).

1686 *tr. Chardin's Coronat. Solyma* 84 The great Portal of his Palace that looks out into the Royal square. 1820 W. IRVING *Sketch Bk. Roscoe* (1821) I. 23 The windows of the study, which looked out upon the soft scenery I have mentioned. 1859 MRS. CARLYLE *Let.* III. 6 The back court that my windows look out on. 1866 W. COLLINS *Armada* I. 162 The bedroom looked out over the great front door. 1874 RUSKIN *Horris Inclusion* (1887) 3 His own little cell, looking out on the olive woods.

†g. To make any brief excursion. (Cf. look in, 37 b.) *Obs.*

1551 T. WILSON *Rule of Reason* (1580) 46 He looked not out of his house all that daie. 1699 DUMPIER *Fov.* II. i. 127 The Fish is presently sent to the Market in one of their Boats, the rest looking out again for more. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* §296 It was not till the 12th instant that we were

able to look out to sea further than to supply the seamen on board the buss with provisions.

h. *trans.* To find by looking; to choose out by looking.

1535 COVERDALE *Ezek.* xxi. 29 Thou hast loked the out vanities, & prophesied lyes. c1590 MARLOWE *Faust.* viii. 7 She has sent me to look thee out; prithee, come away. 1607 SHAKS. *Timon* III. ii. 67 Ile looke you out a good tune, Serullius. 1611 BIBLE *Gen.* xli. 33 Let Pharaoh looke out a man discreet and wise. 1658 *Plymouth Col. Rec.* (1855) III. 141 Liberty is granted vnto Mr. Josias Winslow... to look out a place to supply him with twenty five acres of land. 1768 E. CLEAVELAND in B. P. Smith *Hist. Dartmouth Coll.* (1878) 36 The Deputy Surveyor... offered his assistance to look out the township and survey it. 1789 Mrs. Piozzi *Journ. France* II. 133, I am tired of looking out words to express their various merits. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* viii, You're a-staring at the pocket-handkerchiefs! eh, my dear!... We've just looked 'em out, ready for the wash. c1884 'EDNA LYALL' *We Two* xix. She went... to the Bradshaw, and looked out the afternoon trains.

41. look over. a. *trans.* To cast one's eyes over; to scrutinize; to examine (papers, or the like).

c1450 *St. Cuthbert* (Surtees) 11 Saynt cuthbert lyfe... Who so lykys to luk it our, He sall fynde it part in foure. 1706 HEARNE *Collect.* 8 Mar. (O.H.S.) I. 201 Dr. Kennett... look'd them [MSS.] all over. 1712 *Ibid.* III. 301 Gronovius hath publish'd some extracts out of Josephus with emendations... I must look them over. 1809 MALKIN *Gil Blas* XI. ii. (Rtldg.) 396 The minister... looked me over from head to foot. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* ii. (1889) 14 Tom had time to look him well over, and see what sort of man had come to his rescue. 1892 *Temple Bar* Apr. 467, I have a number of papers to look over.

b. *colloq.* = look on, 39 b.

42. look round. *intr.*

a. To look about in every direction.

1526 TINDALE *Mark* iii. 5 He loked round aboute on them anghely. 1667 MILTON *P.L.* vi. 529 Others from the dawning Hills Look'd round, and Scouts each Coast light armed scoure. 1782 COWPER *Expost.* 27 Let the Muse look round From East to West, no sorrow can be found. 1791 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Rom. Forest* (1820) I. 100, I looked round in search of a human dwelling. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* xxix. Tito looked round with inward amusement at the various crowd. 1892 *Black & White* 19 Mar. 367/2, I had now time and daylight enough to look round.

b. *fig.* To search about for.

1849 MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* vii. II. 161 In great perturbation men began to look round for help.

c. (See quot. 1914.)

c1869 TAYLOR & DUBOURG in M. R. Booth *Eng. Plays of 19th Cent.* (1973) III. 250 I've begged and prayed to him for time—only to look round. 1914 *Conc. Oxf. Dict.* Add., Look round, (esp.) examine the possibilities &c. with a view to deciding on a course. 1950 J. CANNAN *Murder Included* i. 8 Hugo... is out of the army and looking round; there was some talk of him starting a dairy herd. 1974 'R. TATE' *Birds of Blooded Feather* iii. 74, I looked round for a job and found a modest occupation.

## 43. look through.

a. *trans.* To penetrate with a look or glance; to search. *lit.* and *fig.*

c1450 HOLLAND *Howlat* 49, I sawe anc Howlat... Lukand the laike throwe. 1667 DRYDEN *Ind. Emperor* III. ii. (1668) 32 Fate sees thy Life lodg'd in a brittle Glass, And looks it through, but to it cannot pass. 1737 POPE *Rom. Ep.* i. i. 108 Who bids thee face with steady view Proud Fortune, and look shallow Greatness thro'. 1889 *Edin. Rev.* July 231 His eye gazing at a stranger with a gaze that seemed to look him through and through.

b. To examine or survey exhaustively.

1742-3 YOUNG *Nt. Th.* vi. Look nature through, 'tis revolution all. 1781 COWPER *Conversat.* 749 Look human nature through.

†c. *intr.* To become visible or obvious. *Obs.*

1597 SHAKS. 2 *Hen. IV.* iv. iv. 120 'Th' incessant care... Hath wrought the Mure, that should confine it in, So thinneth, that Life looks through, and will break out.

d. To look right (or straight) through (a person): to pretend not to see (someone), to ignore (someone) deliberately.

1959 B. KOPS *Hamlet of Steppen Green* I. 9 Like me? He never even sees me. He looks straight through me. 1963 P. WILLMOTT *Evolution of Community* ix. 98 It's awful when they look right through you, because they think you're not as good as them. 1973 G. MITCHELL *Murder of Busy Lizzie* ii. 26 Clothilde's straight-laced mamma boycotted Eliza... and Clothilde... looked straight through the poor woman.

†44. look under. *intr.* To look down. *Obs.*

1700 DRYDEN *Pal. & Arc.* II. 340 Thus pondering, he looked under with his eyes.

## 45. look up.

a. See simple senses and UP *adv.*; to raise the eyes, turn the face upward.

c1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 173 Danne... po wrecches... lokeþ up and dun and al abuten. c1220 *Beritary* 187 Ne deme þe noȝt wurdri þat tu dure loken up to be heuenward. a1300 *Cursor M.* 21393 Constantin... lok up. He sagh þar cristis crosful bright. c1386 CHAUCER *Sir Thopas* Profl. 8 Approche neer, and looke vp muryly. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* xl. 12 My synnes haue taken toch holde vpon me, that I am not able to luke vp. 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* I. ii. 55 How darest thou have thy nourishment? 1637 MILTON *Lycidas* 125 The hungry Sheep look up, and are not fed. a1800 COWPER *Jackdaw* 10 Look up—your brains begin to swim. 1855 TENNYSON *Brook* 204 And he look'd up. There stood a maiden near. 1892 *Longm. Mag.* Jan. 247 She looked up from her writing.

†b. Of a plant: To show itself above the ground.

1657 R. LIGON *Barbadoes* (1673) 97 If it be suffer'd to look up in a Garden, it will wind about all Herbs and Plants that have Stalks.

†c. To cheer up, take courage, be cheerful.

1597 SHAKS. 2 Hen. IV. iv. 113 My Soueraine Lord, cheare vp your selfe, looke vp. 1602 — Ham. III. iii. 50 Then Ile looke vp, My fault is past. 1611 — Wint. T. v. i. 215.

**d. to look up to** (towards. *af*): (a) to direct the look or face up towards; to raise the eyes towards, in adoration, supplication, etc.; (b) *fig.* to have a feeling of respect or veneration for.

1626 BACON New Atl. (1627) 7 Let vs looke vp to God, and euery man reforme his owne wayes. 1719 Freethinker No. 157 ¶ 6 These Three Ladies. look up to him, as their Patron and Defender. 1757 MRS. GRIFFITH Lett. Henry & Frances (1767) III. 100 The rest seem to look up at you, as of an higher Order of Intelligence. 1794 C. PIGOT Female Jockey Club 141 Are these the patriots, to whom England was to look up for Saluation? 1843 Jrdl. R. Agric. Soc. IV. 1. 210 Sweden looks up to British agriculture as the model for imitation. 1855 MACAULAY Hist. Eng. xx. IV. 447 The Whig members still looked up to him as their leader. 1888 GARNETT & MULLINGBURY Study Eng. Hist. x. 178 In Pitt England had at last found the man to whom it could look up *e. slang*. To improve. Chiefly Comm.: cf. *look down*, 33 d.

1806 R. COCHRANE Lett. 6 Jan. in J. Steele Papers (1924) 1. 461 One cause why it has been so low at this market was the scarcity of salt; our river is now full enough for boats to run, I think the Article will look up. 1822 Examiner 725/1 Foreign Securities are generally looking up. 1835 Fair's Mag. II. 211 The Radicals are, to use a mercantile phrase, looking up. 1884 G. ALLEN Philistia I. xi. 303 Trade is looking up. 1888 SARAH TYTLER Blackhall Ghosts III. xxix. 85, I don't believe that agriculture will look up in this country for many a day.

**f. Naut.** (See quot.)  
1867 SMYTH Sailor's Word-bk. To look, the bearing or direction, as, she looks up, is approaching her course.

**g. To search for (something) in a dictionary or work of reference, among papers, or the like; to consult (books) in order to gain information.**

1692 Wood Life 24 July, They decided to look up it [Athanas Oxon.]—to see what I said of the Presbyterians. 1864 MILL Exam. Hamilton 48, I have only looked up the authorities nearest at hand. 1876 Miss Yousser Womankind vi. 44 She had better look the definitions up at the beginning of the books of Euclid. 1890 FENN Double Knot I. iii. 113, have been looking up the Glens. Not a bad family, but a younger branch.

**h. To call on, go to see (a person). colloq.**  
1852 DICKENS Bleak Ho. xlix, George will look us up... at half-after four. 1885 Illustr. Lond. News 21 Feb. 208/3 So do look me up... and you will be most welcome. 1892 Harper's Mag. LXXXIV. 246/2 You'd better look him up at his hotel.

**i. To search for.**  
1468 Paston Lett. II. 339 The obligation of the Bishop of Norway's oblation, I never eye it that I remembre: wherfor I wolde and prey my modre to looke it up. 1473 SIR J. PASTON in P. Lett. III. 37, I. praye you to looke up my Temple of Glasne, and send it me by the berer herof. 1636 EARL MANCH. in Buccleuch MSS. (Hist. MSS. Comm.) I. 276 It will be best for every one to... look up the exemptions they have. 1669 Plymouth Col. Rec. (1856) V. 27 The Court haue ordered that... the said Winge be required to looke vp the said Indian, and bring him... before some one of the majestres. 1861 HUGHES Tom Brown at Oxf. iv. (1889) 30 He was a sort of boating nurse, who looked-up and trained the young oars. 1894 WOLSELEY Marlborough I. 278 Hearing of some rebels in the neighbourhood of Taunton, he sent a small party of Oxford's regiment to look them up.

**j. To direct vigilance to.**  
1855 MRS. MARCH Heiress of Houghton II. 52 Phillips is new to his place, remember—you must look him up, if he is careless. 1862 Mrs. H. Wood Channings II. 235 A pretty time o' day this is to deliver the letters!... You letter-men want looking up.

**k. to look (a person) up and down:** to scrutinize his appearance from head to foot.

1892 Standard 3 Oct. 4/7 They prefer to look his Viceroy up and down and all round before giving him a character. 1893 Strand Mag. VI. 125/2 People looked her up and down.

**† 46. look upon.** = *look on*, 39 a. *Obs.*  
1593 SHAKS. 3 Hen. VI. ii. 27 Whiles the Foe doth... looke upon, as if the Tragedie were plaied in iest, by countering Actors. 1606 — Tr. & Cr. v. vi. 10 *Aia*. He fight with him alone, and Diomed. *Dio*. He is my prize. I will not looke vpon. *Troy*. Come both you copping Greekes, haue at you both. 1611 — Wint. T. v. iii. 100.

**47. Comb. (used attrib. or as sbs.): look-ahead,** an action of judging what can happen or is likely to happen in the (immediate) future; **look-and-say,** a method of teaching reading by identifying each word as a whole (as opposed to treating a word as a series of separate letters needing to be spelt); **look-around,** -round [cf. *to look (a)round*, senses 30, 42], an inspection, scrutiny, search; **look-like-a-goose sb.**, one who has a stupid look; **look-through Papermaking** (see quots.).

1963 F. FLORES Logic Computer Arithmetic iv. 78 Another solution is to examine the inputs to a number of stages and, somehow, simultaneously predict the carry outputs for this group of stages. This is called the carry lookahead. *Ibid.* v. 83 Let us examine an adder which performs the carry function with a lookahead on several levels. 1967 A. BATTERSBY Network Analysis (ed. 2) xii. 210 The effect of a 'look ahead' decision rule is shown. 1973 Sci. Amer. June 93/3 Since the number of legal moves available to a player at each turn averages about 30, a full look-ahead to a depth of four would require examination of about 30<sup>4</sup>, or 810,000 moves. 1909 B. DUMVILLE Sci. of Speech xii. 167 The books on school method usually mention three methods of teaching to read—the Alphabetic, the Look-and-Say, and the Phonic. 1964 M. CRITCHLEY Developmental Dyslexia iv. 16 Many have blamed the analytic, look-and-say, 'flash' or global systems of teaching—whereby the child learns to

identify each word as a whole. 1973 Guardian 7 Mar. 5/2 The use of highly speculative Gestalt psychology as the theoretical basis for 'look and say' methods. 1947 Am. Rev. 1046 157 Field-Marshal Smuts found time to fly to Berlin for what he described as a 'private look around' with no special objectives. 1967 M. McLuhan Medium is Massage 10 'The Medium is The Message' is a look-around to see what's happening. 1624 BP. MOUNTAGU Gagg 300 He hath the figure of a man as Will Summer had, though he be indeed as very a Look-like-a-goose as he was. 1914 R. FROST North of Boston 65 We took one look round. 1932 J. BUCHAN Gap in Curtain ii. 97 He hoped, while in the country, to have a look round. 1937 E. J. LABARRIE Dict. Paper 149/1 Look-through, a term applied to the appearance of paper when held to the light, thus disclosing the texture or formation. 1973 C. COHEN Watermarks (William Sommerville & Son Ltd.) 8/1 Look-through, the appearance of a sheet of paper when held up to the light: may be clear or mottled.

**look, var. LOUK;** obs. *f.* LOCK sb.<sup>1</sup>

**look-a-herc:** see LOOK v. 4 a.

**look-alike.** *N. Amer.* [LOOK v. 9 + ALIKE a.] Something or someone that closely resembles another in appearance. Also attrib. or as adj.

1947 Time 1 Dec. 78 Lisle Maxwell Sanders... is often called 'Mr. Kieran' for his famed look-alike. 1949 J. ROBERT Toughest Cop xvi. 180 There were enough look-alikes in the flat photography of the period to puzzle me. 1961 M. BEADLE These Rums are Inhabited (1963) ii. 3 Those look-a-likes, the two-shilling piece and the half-crown. 1969 L. GREENBAUM Out of Shape (1970) xiv. 175 Asher was flanked by his pregnant wife and a long-haired student. Except for the wife's stomach, the two women were look-alikes. 1972 Islander (Victoria, B.C.) 27 Feb. 10/3 This is the critical test, such misleading lookalikes as serpentine and its brother, bowenite, permitting no passage of light even through the finest silver. 1974 Publishers Weekly 11 Feb. 62/3 He meets Gabrielle, Simone's look-alike sister, and falls in love all over again.

**'look-down.** *U.S.* [f. vbl. phr. *look down*: see LOOK v. 33.] A carangoid fish, the Horse-head or Moon-fish, *Selene vomer*.

1882 JORDAN & GILBERT Fishes N. Amer. (Bull. U.S. Nat. Mus. III) 439.

**looker,** obs. form of LOCK sb.<sup>1</sup>

**looked** (lukt), *ppl. a.*<sup>1</sup> [f. LOOK v. + -ED<sup>1</sup>.] In senses of the vb., with advs., as after, for, up.

1548 ELYOT Dict. Expectatus, desyred, taried, & looked for. 1566 COOPER Thesaurus s. Expectatus, The long looked day was come. 1606 etc. [see long-looked-for, LONG adv. 9 a]. 1823 COBBETT Rur. Rides (1885) I. 369 His anxiously looked-for event. 1885 H. O. FORBES Nat. Wand. E. Archip. 168 The Balai, always the best looked-after building in a village. 1895 Westminster Gaz. 7 Sept. 2/1 He... was one of the most looked-up-to gentlemen about. 1900 *Ibid.* 10 Aug. 2/3 A welcome beggar, a looked-for guest.

**† looked,** *ppl. a.*<sup>2</sup> *Obs.* [f. LOOK sb. + -ED<sup>2</sup>.] Having an aspect of a certain kind: preceded by a defining adj.; see also ILL-LOOKED, WELL-LOOKED.

1593 SHAKS. Rich. II. ii. iv. 11 Leane-look'd Prophets whisper fearful change. 1666 PEYPS Diary 17 Aug., A strange fortune for so odd a looked mayde. 1694 MOTTEUX Rabelais iv. xxix. (1737) 12 xvi. This Meagre-look'd Shrovetide. 1716 B. CUNNINGHAM Hist. Phil. s. War (1865) I. 82 A great surly look'd fellow took up his Tomhog, or wooden Cutlash, to kill Mr. Church. 1725 Dr. Foe Voy. round World (1840) 267 He was as ugly a looked fellow as ever I saw.

**looker:** see LOOK v. 4 a.

**looker** ('luka(r)), *sb.* Also 4, 6 *loker*, 5 *locar*, 5-6 *lokar*, 6 *Sc. luker*, 7 *lowker*. [f. LOOK v. + -ER<sup>1</sup>.]

1. a. One who looks, in senses of the vb. Const. with preps., as at, on, to, upon.

1556 J. Heywood Spider & Fly xcii. 181 You are the myrrors; that all lookers looke in. 1579 TWYNE Phisicke agist. Fort. I. lxxxv. 108 b, A diligent looker to the profite of the common wealth. c 1580 SIDNEY Ps. xxii. v, The lookers now at me, poore wretch, be mocking. 1596 DALRYMPLE Tr. Leslie's Hist. Scot. I. 17 Qublike brig havg 8 bowis, is a ne gret delectatione to the lukeris vpon it. 1671 VILLIERS (Dk. Buckhm.) Rehearsal i. (Arb.) 27, I have ever observed that your grave lookers are the dullest of men. 1675 OTWAY Alcibades III. i. Wks. 1728 I. 39 An anxious Looker on this Tragic Scene.

b. With advbs., as *looker about*, *in*, *out*, etc. *spec. looker-out*, in the book-trade, one who looks out wanted volumes from stock; *looker-upper* *collog.*, one who looks something up.

1382 WYCLIF Eccl. vii. 12 God forsothe the loker about is. c 1400 Apol. Loll. 2 If we will, we mai call bischoppis, locurs on up. 1767 Pol. Reg. I. 363 The lookers-out have not been able to prevail on any man of consequence to accept [an office]. 1826 New Monthly Mag. XVII. 241, I have always casual lookers-in, and it is my cue... to keep... an open house. 1836 Scottish Christian Herald I. 286/2 Like the keepers of a puppet-show, to extort money from every looker-in. 1850 GROTE Greece II. lxiii. VIII. 140 The Peloponnesian fleet completely eluded the lookers-out of Thrasylus. 1901 Daily Chron. 4 Dec. 9/2 (Adv.). Lookers-up (2 experienced); also several boys in beer factory. 1926 W. J. LOCKE Old Bridge II. viii. 124 The result... if sought, is there for the looker-round to behold. 1939 H. HOOGE Cab, Sir? ii. 20 At the blind corners, where the separate sections are too far apart to keep in touch, there's a 'looker-out'. He waves up the cabs from one section to another. 1951 'J. Tey' Daughter of Time vii. 91 'Marta... said you wanted something looked up.' 'And are you a looker-upper?' 1961 Evening Standard 14 July 19/4 Publisher has vacancy for warehouse-man to train as looker-out.

c. *looker on*, *looker-on*, one who looks on; a beholder, spectator, eye-witness. Often, one who merely looks on, without taking part. Cf. *onlooker*.

1539 TAVERNER Exam. Prod. (1552) 22 Tearynge a sunder theyr viours... not without great laughynge of the lokers on. 1886 SPENSER Sonn. to G. Harvey, Sitting like a Looker-on Of this world's Stage. c 1627 MIDDLETON & ROWLEY Sp. Gipsy v. iii. 84, I all this while Stand but a looker-on. 1721 BUDGELL Spect. No. 161 ¶ 2 To gain the Approbation of the Lookers-on. 1800 WINDHAM Speeches Parl. 18 Apr. (1812) I. 339 Accidents to the lookers-on do sometimes happen at bull-baiting. 1850 SMEDLEY F. Fairleigh (1894) 9 Every fool knows that lookers-on see most of the game. 1898 L. STEPHEN Stud. Biog. II. iv. 128 As an undergraduate he was a looker-on at... the Oxford Movement.

**d. looker-in:** a viewer of television. Also (now rare) *looker*.

The more usual word is *viewer*.

1927 Pictorial Weekly 5 Mar. 101 A speech which the 'looker-in' can actually see being delivered. 1928 Daily Tel. 30 Oct. 12/5 This afternoon 'lookers-in' will be given a chance of seeing the first still pictures to be publicly broadcast in this country. 1933 Radio Times 14 Apr. 7/2 The First Television Revue... should draw the majority of Britain's 'lookers' to their receivers. 1953 Sunday Times 25 Jan. 9/4 Producers should never allow themselves to be influenced by the knowledge that their audience contains many doggedly literal lookers. 1959 Listener 16 July 100/3 If the looker-in [of a televised church service] can only be a looker-on it would be better he did not watch.

2. a. One who looks after or has charge of anything (e.g. children, cattle, land, a farm, woods, etc.); a guardian, keeper, shepherd, farm-bailiff, steward. Now only *local*.

1340 Ayr. 220 be children of riche men 8olle habbe guode lokeres and oneste. a 1400-50 Alexander 2501 pan mas he laddis ouire to lend & lokars of bestie. 1609 MS. Acc. St. John's Hosp., Canterb., Payd to the lowker of Moserd Wood xijd. 1793 Trans. Soc. Arts IV. 49 Where my looker and family, with two or three labourers constantly resides. 1797 Mrs. A. M. BENNETT Beggar Girl II. 103 Old Frazer... had... filled the office of looker at Castle Ground—a phrase that implicates the combined duties of steward and bailiff. 1806-7 A. YOUNG Agric. Essex (1813) I. 62 note, Leaving their farms to the management of bailiffs, whom they call lookers.

b. With prefixed sb.: An official inspector of (what the sb. denotes). (Cf. LEAVE-LOOKER.) *local*.

1835 21st Rep. Munic. Corporat. Comm. App. III. 1627 [Morpeth] There is no election of fish and flesh lookers. *Ibid.* 1600 [Lancaster] Other officers of the Corporation are, Auditors, Hedge-lookers. *Ibid.* 1484 [Clitheroe] Other officers are, Market Lookers, Lookers of Hedges and Ditches. 1899 Daily News 23 Aug. 3/5 T. Thornton, cloth looker, Briercliffe.

3. A person, usu. a woman, of particularly pleasing appearance. *collog.* (orig. *U.S.*).

1893 S. CRANE Maggie v. 41 The young men of the vicinity said, 'Dat Johnson goil is a putty good looker.' 1898 E. N. WESTCOTT David Harum 322, I was always a better goer than I was a looker. 1909 E. RICKERT Beggar in Heart 207 She isn't much of a looker—my missus has other points than looks. 1923 L. J. VANCE Baroque vi. 65 Just because daughter's a swell looker don't make father out an innocent. 1933 AUDEN Witnesses in Listener (Poetry Suppl.) 12 July p. II, The days went by, he grew mature; He was a looker you may be sure. 1947 J. STEINBECK Wayward Bus vii. 80 She was a looker too—fine well-filled legs with rounded thighs. 1971 R. PARKES Line of Fire iv. 42 Bit of a looker... Otherwise... a ranking detective on a priority case, would hardly have bothered driving her home. 1973 Washington Post 5 Jan. 8/2 Sandra Archer, who plays the heroine from the Peace Corps... is such a looker that she can't help but make the Quest for Revolutionary Consciousness appear hopelessly glamorized.

**looker** ('luka(r)), *v. dial.* [f. the sb.] *trans.* and *intr.* To tend and guard (farm animals).

1887 PARISH & SHAW Dict. Kentish Dial. 95 Looker, to perform the work of a looker. 'John? Oh! he's lookering.' 1961 John o' London's 5 Oct. 400/3 In East Sussex a shepherd is still called a 'looker' and his occupation 'lookering'. 1962 R. JEFFRIES Exhibit No. 13 x. 97 Jones was 'lookering' his bullocks. The ministry man was due... and the bullocks had to be treated with all possible care and attention.

**look-in,** *sb.* [f. LOOK sb. + IN adv.]

1. A hasty glance; a peep. Hence, a short visit. 1847 L. HUNT Men, Women & B. I. xv. 293 The Induction to the 'Mirror of Magistrates' is a look-in at the internal regions. 1865 DICKENS Mut. Fr. iv. iii, He has given me another look-in, to make sure of... our stock-in-trade being correct.

2. *collog.* An opportunity to take part in something, usually with a chance of success; a share of attention.

1870 Bell's Life 12 Feb. 3/6 If Fawcett imagines he has got a look in, Mullins will fight him for all the money he can get together. 1898 Westminster Gaz. 12 July 10/2 For the Beaufort Stakes Mr. L. de Rothschild should have a good look in. 1902 KIPLING Traffics & Discov. (1904) 27 We might even be able to give our Native Army a look in. 1905 Official Guide Nat. Assoc. Professional Baseball Leagues 58 With a team which never had a look-in for anything better than cellar championship... the club made money. 1921 G. B. SHAW Getting Married 244 We shall none of us have much of a look-in when Mrs. George comes. 1926 Lit. Digest 1 Jan. 7/2 Between Colonel Roosevelt and the diplomatic correspondence of this epoch the dictionary business is getting a look-in all right. 1926 'TAFFRAIL' Pincher Martin xvii. 330 It's time we had a look in at something. 1936 Times Lit. Suppl. 17 Oct. 837/1 The faithful, unmarried lover who never gets a look-in. 1964 Word Study Apr. 1/1 Nor would a quack bonesetter get a look-in at a position in a modern

clinic. 1968 *Listener* 26 Sept. 390/1 An acknowledged modern artist gets a look-in at illustration 52.

**looking** ('lukm), *vbl. sb.* [f. LOOK *v.* + -ING<sup>1</sup>.]

1. a. The action of the vb. LOOK; look, gaze. 1375 *Lamb. Hom.* 145 per seal bene. Lokinges wif-uten winking. a 1225 *Ancre* 130 Vor nabbe 3e nou pene nome . . . of tollinde lokinges. 1377 *E.E. Allit. P.* a 1048 puri wose & wone my loking sede. c 1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 119 Crokidnes, or ellis lokinge aquyunt of pe iyen. a 1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 17 The eldest aunter (was) for her highe and unfirme loking forsaken. 1567 *Gude & Godlie Ball.* (S.T.S.) 74 The prydeful loking of my mine. c 1590 MARLOWE *Jew of Malta* III. 1. Zoon's what a looking thou keep'st! a 1716 *SOUTH Sermon* (1823) IV. 318 Anger passes, in the gospel account, for murder; and looking and lusting, for adultery. 1821 *Byron's Heart. St. Earth* III. 92 After long looking o'er the ocean wide. 1861 *J. Edmond Childr. Ch. at Home* IX. 138 Looking is seeing with attention.

*Proverb.* a 1624 *Br. M. SMITH Sermon* (1632) 154 By looking comes liking, you know the proverb.

b. With adverbs.

1236 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 86b. Whiche for ones lokinge backward was turned in to a salt stone. 1840 *BROWNING Sordello* III. 361 Which evidence you owed To some slight weariness, some looking-off Or start-away. 1870 *J. H. NEWMAN Gram. Assent* II. x. 412 A sensitive looking-out in all that happens . . . for tokens [etc.].

c. With prepositions, used *absol.*, or *advs.* looking after, on, to, unto, care, attention; looking for, expectation; looking over, inspection. † to give (a person) the looking on: to look on without interference or participation in his activity.

c 1513 *MOR. Rich. III* (ed. Lumby) 33 The yonger, which besides his infancie that also nedeth good looking to, hath a while ben so sore diseased [etc.]. 1560 *DAUS tr. Sleidane's Comm.* 11 b. Or if the Frenchie king warre upon Chastane . . . shall he geve them the loking on? [L. non ociosus erit spectator?] *Ibid.* 64 b. His advice and counsell, whiche unlesse they would folowe, he would geve them the loking on. 1611 *BIBLE Heb. x. 27* A certaine fearefull looking for of judgement. 1660 *H. MORSE Myst. Godt.* To Rdr. 21 To make the People believe . . . that Religion is worth the looking after. 1722 *De Foe Plague* (1840) 44 If any person visited do fortune by negligent looking unto . . . come. From a place infected. 1832 *TENNYSON Miller's Den* 241 That loss but made us love the more. With farther lookings on. 1890 *ROLF BOLDREVER Col. Reformer* (1891) 128 My old horse . . . wants a bit of looking after now. 1895 *R. KLIPING in Pall Mall G.* 20 July 2/1 Mowgli always attended a Looking-over.

d. looking-in Television = VIEWING *vbl. sb.* Also *attrib.*

1926 *Daily Herald* 31 Dec. 1/2 It is predicted that before many years have passed the family looking-in set will be as common in the home as is now the listening-in set. 1927 *Pictorial Weekly* 5 Mar. 101/2 'Looking-in' on Mr. Baird's apparatus is an interesting experience. 1951 *Ann. Rev.* 1950 414 From America came alarming reports of the craze for looking-in. 1957 *R. HOGGART Uses of Literacy* vi. 156 An indiscriminating looking-in, night after night, at T.V.

† 2. Supervision, care, charge, custody. *Obs.* a 1300 *K. Horn* 360 (Camb. MS.) Aylmar, pe gode kyng, Dude him on mil loking. 1340 *Ayrenb.* 8 To ham pet habbey pe lokinge ous to techte. *Ibid.* 128 pe zenezere is ase pe ilke pet is ine prison . . . and ine greate lokinge.

† 3. Decision, judgement. *Obs.* 1297 *R. GLOUC. (Rolls)* 7409 pat vpe pe popes lokinge of rome he asoode it do. c 1330 *R. BRUNNE Chron.* (1810) 86 Philip . . . askid if pei wild stand to per loking.

† 4. Look, expression of countenance, appearance. *Obs.*

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 17288 + 108 His loking was als brist os is pe rede lempinge. 1388 *WYCLIF Dan. ii.* 31 The loking [Vulg. intuitus] thereof was terdful. c 1450 *Syr Gern.* (Roxb.) 4707 Wene ye that hir lovely loking Pleaseth vs any maner thing As it dooth you. 1610 *SHAKS. Temp.* II. i. 309 Why how now has; awake, why are you drawn? Wherefore this ghastly loking?

5. *attrib.*

1519 *HORMAN Vulg.* 281 b. Order me a lokingy place in the play. 1552 *HULDET.* Lokingy place to se about, theatrum. 1670 *DRYDEN 1st Pt. Conq. Granada* IV. ii. Wks. 1883 IV. 94 But yet my toil may be rewarded with a looking-while. 1843 *MARRVAT M. Violet* xi. A dog would . . . squat upon his looking-out place.

**looking** ('lukm), *ppl. a.* [f. LOOK *v.* + -ING<sup>1</sup>.]

1. That looks or gazes. *rare.* † looking up: having an upward aspect or direction; sloping. 1640 *BLITHE Eng. Improv. Impr.* (1653) 63 The other (spade) may be Six Inches wide, whose Tree must be made more compass and looking up, by far, than your usual Spades are. 1722 *RAMSEY Three Bonnets* II. 12, I scarce can throw my looking een, Ye're grown sea-braw.

2. Forming combinations. a. with a preceding adjective, substantive (now *rare*), or phrase. (See also GOOD-LOOKING, ILL-LOOKING.)

1590 *SHAKS. Com. Err.* v. i. 240 A needy, hollow-ey'd, sharpe-looking wretch. 1736 *Mrs. F. BROOKE Old Maid* No. 25, 213 A well looking old woman. asked from the upper window, who he pleased to want? 1781 *MAD. D'ARBLAY Diary* Aug. I care not what looking horse I have; I never think of his appearance. 1782 *MORITZ in Brit. Tourist* (1809) IV. 33 Paddington, a very village-looking little town, at the west end of London. 1802 *MAR. EDGEWORTH Moral T.* (1816) I. xviii. 148 A hard, stout looking man. 1818 *LADY MORGAN Autobiog.* (1859) 249 The celebrity entered: a grave-looking elderly gentleman. 1825 *Greenhouse Comp.* II. 83 Phyllic ericoides . . . a small heath-looking shrub from the Cape. 1834 *Tait's Mag.* I. 803/2 A book printed in a dull, muddy, everyday-looking type. 1840 *CARLYLE Heroes* (1858) 360 Most rude, chaotic, all these Speeches are; but most earnest-looking. 1881 *W. H. MALLOCK Romance* 19th C. II. 5 He was a small dissipated-looking man.

b. with adverbs of direction: Having a certain aspect or direction.

1884 *BLACK Jnd. Shakes. xx.* There was a touch of it on the westward-looking gables of one or two cottages.

**looking-forward** [f. LOOKING *vbl. sb.* + FORWARD *adv.*] The action of looking forward; an anticipation of future events.

1837 *DICKENS Let.* 3 Nov. (1965) I. 328 Anxious lookings-forward to the pleasure of your society. 1867 *People's Hymnal* 202/2 One the earnest looking forward. One the hope our God inspires. 1872 *G. V. SMITH Bible & Pop. Theol.* xxiv. 248 Any conscious looking forward by the writer to a greater and more genuine sacrifice to come. 1925 *BEERBOHM Let. to R. Turner* (1964) 242 Well, dearest Reg, again all apologies . . . and all lookings-forward to later on. 1955 *E. BOWEN World of Love* xi. 221 Were there not those who said that everything has already happened, and that one's lookings-forward are really memories?

**'looking-glass** [f. LOOKING *vbl. sb.* + GLASS.]

1. a. A glass to look in, in order to see one's own face or figure; a mirror made of a plate of glass coated at the back with an amalgam of quicksilver; † applied occas. to a metal mirror (cf. GLASS *sb.* 1 8 b).

1236 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 1 b. Wherein dayly & hourly I myght loke, as in a myrour or lokingyng-glass. 1605 *SHAKS. Lear* v. iii. 261. 1608 *WILLET Hexapla Exod.* 857 The brazen lauer was indeed made of the women looking glasses. 1712 *ADDISON Spect.* No. 451 ¶ Seeing all her Wrinkles represented in a large Looking-glass. 1728 *RAMSAY Let. & Mirror* 3 The seal-hearted Looking-glass With truths adorne the lovely Lass. 1771 *WATLEY Jnl.* 22 July The sea was smooth as a looking-glass. 1813 *BREWSTER Optics* II. 10 Let AB, fig. 16, be a plane mirror or looking-glass. 1876 *A. LAING Lindores Abbey* xxv. 384 The looking glass was invariably covered up in the chamber where the dead lay.

b. fig. (In the 16th and 17th cents. frequently used in the titles of books.) Now *rare* (= 'mirror').

1556 *Aurelio & Isab.* Lijj. The parson of a kinge is a thorow persinge an sheninge lookinge glasse, in the whiche all the subjects sees them selfs. 1575 *TYMMIE (title)* A Looking Glasse for the Court. 1587 *GOLDING De Mornay* xvii. 260 The holy Scripture, is . . . a Looking glass to shew vs our spottes and blemishes. 1600 *BRETTON Pasquill Mad-cappe* ii. Beautie is but a Babiees looking glasse. 1656 *TASSER Com. Pl.* xxv. 18 Great men are the Looking-glasse of the Country, according to which most men dress themselves. 1658 *W. SANDERSON Graphice* 5 The Eyes, the Looking-glasse of Nature. 1792 (title) The Looking-Glass for the Mind; or Intellectual Mirror. 1847 *EMERSON Poems* (1857) 74 Each to each a looking-glass, Reflects his figure that doth pass.

2. As the name of a material: Plate glass, or glass silvered for use as a mirror.

1682 *N. O. Boileau's Lutrin* i. 97 The Taster was all fac'd with Looking-Glass. 1764 *DELAVAL in Phil. Trans.* LIV. 233 Inclosed between small plates of thick looking-glass. 1799 *G. SMITH Laboratory* I. 178 How to Quicksilver the inside of Glass Globes, so as to make them look like Looking-glass. 1886 *D. C. MURRAY Cynic Fortune* viii. He took stock of his features in the little triangle of cracked looking-glass affixed to the wall.

3. In the plant-names lady's looking-glass, Venus' looking-glass (*Campanula Speculum*): see LADY, VENUS.

4. slang. A chamber-pot.

1622 *BAUM & FL. Beggar's Bush* II. iii. Hal A Looking-glasse! 1638 *BRATHWAT Barnabee's Jnl.* II. (1818) 59 Mid-night waking. And a looking-glass there taking. Chamber-pot was hold quite thow. 1792 *Brit. Apollo* II. No. 43: 2/2 Q. Why is a Chamber-Pot call'd a Looking-Glass? A. Because many rarely see their Faces in any other.

5. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as looking-glass calm, -fitter, -frame, -maker, -man, -plate, -tin; looking-glass-panell'd adj.: looking-glass carp (see quot.); looking-glass image *rare* = mirror image; looking-glass tree, *Heritiera littoralis*, the leaves of which are silvery on the under side; looking-glass world (or land), a vision of the world as it would be if seen, reversed, through a looking-glass; looking-glass writing, writing done backwards, so as to be legible by means of a mirror.

1840 *COL. HAWKER Diary* (1893) II. 194 A 'looking-glass calm' with utter cold white frost. 1890 *Daily News* 8 Sept. 5/5 A 'looking-glass carp' . . . differs from the ordinary carp . . . having very few, and those very large, scales. 1903 *Mind & Adv.*, Junior 'Looking-glass Fitter' wanted. 1908 *PARKER & STALKER Japaning* v. 25 'Looking-glass-frames. 1929 *A. HUXLEY Do what you Will* 44 The professional Don Juan destroys his spirit as fatally as does the professional ascetic, whose 'looking-glass image' he is. 1896 *B. BERENSON Italian Painters of Renaissance* (1930) II. ii. 63 He cannot persuade himself of the unreality of 'Looking-Glass Land until he has touched the back of the mirror. 1909 *CHESTERTON Tremendous Trifles* 234 Always the Kingdom of Heaven is 'at hand', and Looking-glass Land is only through the looking-glass. 1921 — *Innocence of Father Brown* viii. 225 An unspeakable certainty that there was something still unexplained . . . Could not be fully explained by his fancy about 'looking-glass land'. 1921 *COTTON, Miroir*, a 'looking-glass maker. 1723 *Lond. Gas.* No. 6137/4 William Turing. . . Looking-glass-maker. 1682 *T. FLATMAN Heracitus Riden* No. 67 (1713) II. 164 The 'Looking-glass-man' you almost promised to deal withal the last time we met. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 3 July 3/2 The cheapest bedroom furniture means a 'looking-glass panell'd wardrobe. 1703 *T. N. City & C. Purchaser* 154 These 'Looking-glass-plates are ground smooth and flat, and Polished. 1703 *T. S. Ari's Improv.* 1. 55 Take a Plate of Polish'd Steel, which cover

with that Orange, Tawny Mineral, call'd Mine de Plomb, Ground with Linseed-Oil and 'Looking-glass Tin. 1866 *Treas. Bot.*, 'Looking-glass tree, *Heritiera*. 1871 *L. CARROLL Through Looking-Glass* xii. 218 You've been along with me, Kity—all through the 'Looking-Glass world. 1963 *Daily Tel.* 13 Aug. 18/1 It is quite conceivable that there is a kind of looking-glass world, in which all matter is made up from anti-matter. 1967 *'A. GILBERT Visitor* xii. 203, I felt as if I were in a Looking-Glass world where everything goes the wrong way. 1902 *Westm. Gaz.* 29 Aug. 3/1 Notes . . . made with the left hand in 'looking-glass' writing.

**lookit** ('lukit), *int.* and *v. U.S. colloq.* [f. LOOK *v.* with arbitrary final element.]

a. *int.* Listen! b. *v. trans.* Only in imp.: look at (something or someone).

1917 *Dialect Notes* IV. 396 Look-at, used among school children for look! . . . Cf. look-it in Mich. 1925 *T. DREISER Amer. Trag.* (1926) 115 It is ten Oh, isn't that just the classiest, darlinest little coat you ever saw? Oh, do look at those sleeves. . . Lookit the collar. And the lining! And those pockets! 1926 *S.P.E. Tract* xxiv. 124 Lookit, listen to me. 1927 *M. OSTENSON Mad Career* (1929) iv. 49 But lookit! Lookit the nice stockin's Mrs. Bowers made for ye. 1938 *D. BAKER Young Man with Horn* iv. 242 'Lookit the jigen,' Olga said. 'I thought you'd give us the go-by.' 1966 *M. BREWER Man against Fear* i. 8 Lookit my hair—whiter it gets every day. 1968 [see JEZZ (int.)]. 1972 *D. BLOODWORTH Any Number Can Play* xxiii. 231 Just get a load of that stuff, will you? It's not even killing the lousy jungle, lookit. It's bringing it alive!

'look out, look-out. Pl. look-outs, rarely looks out. [f. *vbl. phr.* look out: see LOOK *v.* 40.]

1. The action (*occas.* the faculty or the duty) of looking out. *lit.* and *fig.* Chieflly in phrases to keep (rarely to take) a (good, etc.) look-out; to be, place, put on or upon the look out; const. for, to, and to with inf.; orig. *Naut.*

1748 *Amson's Voy.* III. vi. 346 We . . . kept a good look-out for the rocks of Vele Rete. c 1760 *S. NILES in 3 Mass. Hist. Coll.* (1837) VI. 161 They were upon the constant look-out and had two forts not far distant from thence. 1766 *BRICE in Phil. Trans.* LVII. 67, I wished to put other people upon the look-out. 1768 *GOLDISM. Good-n. Man* II. Wks. (Globe) 622/2, I think if anything was to be foreseen, I have as sharp a look-out as another. 1771 *WILKES Corr.* (1805) III. 81 He . . . keeps a very good look-out to futurity. 1815 *Sporting Mag.* XLVI. 4 The gamekeeper of Mr. Blundell was upon the look-out for poachers. 1849 *W. IRVING Crayon Misc.* 192 At one time, in crossing a hill, Beattie . . . took a look-out, like a mariner from the mast-head at sea. c 1860 *H. STUART Seaman's Catech.* 85 You are placed on the look out. 1864 *BOWEN Logic* i. 26 Anything new or peculiar . . . puts us upon the look-out to detect a possible absurdity. 1875 *BEEDROM Sailor's Pocket Bk.* iii. (ed. 2) 57 The very great majority of collisions happen through bad look-out and neglect to show lights. 1883 *STEVENSON Treas. Lit.* II. ix. We were running down for with a bright look-out day and night. 1887 *Pall Mall G.* 5 Aug. 2/4 In these ships the men go from look-out to wheel from wheel to look-out. 1894 *J. KNIGHT D. Garrick* ii. 21 He had been on the look-out for such information.

2. In various concrete applications.

a. A station or building from which a look-out can be kept. orig. *Naut.*

1700 *S. Carolina Stat. at Large* (1837) II. 161 The Look-out formerly built on Sullivan's Island . . . is by a late storm overthrown to the ground. 1766 *W. STORCK Acc. E. Florida* 33 To the back part of the house is joined a tower, called in America a look-out, from which there is an extensive prospect towards the sea. 1791 *BENTHAM Panopt.* I. 145 A Look-out, or Exterior Inspection-Lodge. 1855 *LONGF. Hiaw. xix.* c Another vulture, watching from his high aerial look-out. 1861 *J. EDKINS in Chinese Scenes and People* (1883) 271 It is now used as a site for a high look-out by the rebels. 1893 *F. ADAMS New Egypt* 244 A battery of four guns, with a telegraph station and look-out attached. 1935 *A. J. POLLOCK Underworld Speaks* 73/1 Look-out, gambling house employee who observes the bets of players and the pay-off of dealers for regulatory purposes. 1961 *Canada Month* 6 Oct. 42/3 However, the forestry people want money to buy greater preparedness through more lookouts, men, planes and equipment.

b. A person employed to keep a look-out; a watchman, scout; a party of men so employed. Also, see quot. 1889.

1699 *COWLEY Voy.* (1729) 12 We took their look-outs who told us the news. 1720 *DE FOE Capt. Singleton* xiv. (1840) 240 We . . . kept a look-out upon the hill. 1840 *R. H. DANA Bef. Mast* xiv. 35 One man on deck as a look-out. 1872 *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.*, Apr. 26/2 The 'Cambria' sailed . . . with look-outs at her mast-heads. 1881 *Daily Tel.* 24 Feb. Those aboard are divided into three look-outs, giving each look-out four hours on deck and eight hours below. 1888 *Century Mag.* Feb. 498/2 These lookouts or forerunners having returned, the herds are set in motion as early in the spring as may be. 1889 *FARMER Americanisms*, Look-out, an attendant who, at the gaming-table, is supposed to see that matters are conducted fairly. 1893 *Harper's Mag.* May 939/2 By each dealer's side sits the 'lookout', lazily looking on in the interests of such fair play as is consistent with professional gambling. 1955 *J. S. GOWLAND Smoke over Sikanaka* 16 The look-out had to be an expert woodman, be able to read meteorological instruments, have an excellent degree of physical fitness and good eyesight.

c. A reconnoitring boat or vessel.

1761 *Descr. S. Carolina* 36 Eight Look-outs, which are also laid aside. 1841 *J. T. HEWLETT Parish Clerk* II. 203 Ere the channel was full enough for the look-outs to intercept her.

3. A more or less distant view; a prospect. 1779 *H. SWINBURNE Trav. Spain* xxiii. 184 This leads to a little tower . . . The look-out charming. 1842 *Mrs. F. TROLLOPE Visit Italy* II. xi. 199 A walk through the Villa Reale . . . seemed . . . to promise advantageous look-outs

without end. 1883 *Eng. Illustr. Mag.* Nov. 68/2 The traveller feels weary and disgusted with the ugliness of the look-out.

b. In immaterial sense: A prospect or prospective condition, an outlook.

c. 1845 *Houlston Tracts* II. No. 47. a It was bad already with them, and a worse look-out. 1846 *Dickens Old C. Shop* xix. 'He's going at the knees.' 'That's a bad look-out.' 1886 *Times* (weekly ed.) 6 Aug. 13/3 The look-out for the shooting-season is satisfactory. 1889 *ROLF BOLDRWOOD Robbery under Arms* xxv. It seemed a rather blue look-out.

d. f. a. An object of desire (obs.). b. With possessive sb. or pron., that is —'s look-out: i.e. the matter concerns only his interest, which others are not bound to consider if he neglects it.

1795 NELSON in Nicolas *Disp.* (1845) I. 45 The leaves and fins are all the look-out. 1844 *DICKENS Mart. Chus.* xvii. If he took it into his head that I was coming here for such or such a purpose, why, that's his look-out. 1858 R. S. SURTIS *Ask Mamma* xii. 63 That however is more the Earl's look-out than ours. 1884 SIR F. NORTH in *Law Times Rep.* LII. 51 The result would be that a less price would be got, but that is the vendor's look-out.

5. attrib., as look-out-boat, man, ship, etc.

1781 T. JEFFERSON *Corr. Wks.* 1859. I. 301 'Look-out boats have been ordered from the seaboard of the eastern shore. 1798 CAPT. MOSS in *Naval Chron.* (1799) I. 248 Our 'look-out' canoes have watched them. 1860 G. H. K. in *Vac. Tour.* 123 The deer... save the hinds a great deal of 'look-out' duty. 1866 A. DUNCAN *Nelson* 177 The Swedish squadron had been seen by the 'look-out' frigates. 1835 *Cowt. Mag.* VI. 64/1 Over these ruins towered a tall 'look-out' house. 1830 MARRIAT *King's Own* xxx. The 'look-out' men at the mastheads. 1884 *Mil. Engineering* (ed. 3) I. II. 41 A 'look-out' place for noting the effect of the fire... should be constructed. 1834-47 J. S. MACAULAY *Field Forts.* (1851) 272 Where to place videttes. 'look-out' posts, or telegraphs. 1804 CAPT. DANCE in *Naval Chron.* XII. 138 I recalled the 'look-out' Ships. 1874 BAKER *Nile Tribut.* xv. 264 I ordered some of my men every day to ascend this 'look-out' station. 1748 *Amos's Voy.* II. xii. 259 On... some small eminences there are several 'look-out' towers. 1807 R. BADEN-POWELL in *Daily News* 23 Apr. 6/2 Up on the roof of the hall is a 'look-out' turret.

**look-over.** [f. LOOK v. 19.] An examination, a survey.

1809 R. A. WASON *Happy Hawkins* 183 Then I... took a stroll around to see that no one had been given' us the look-over. 1916 'B. CABLE' *Action Front* 216, I want you to go down quickly and have a look-over at the new ground. 1933 *Irish Digest* Feb. 8/2, I have myself treated one farmer... who was sent to me for a general 'look-over'. This disclosed a malunited fracture of the ulna.

**look-see.** *slang.* Also looksee. [Pidgin-like formation from LOOK sb. or v. + SEE v.]

1. A survey; a tour of inspection, a reconnaissance; an investigation. Also rare (quot. 1926), appearance, looks.

1883 *Boy's Own Paper* 22 Dec. 1851, I spec the just come here to makeke look see how de people get on. 1906 J. LONDON *Let.* 25 Apr. (1906) 204 Would you care to have a look-see at it for publication in the magazine? 1908 *St. George's Rev.* I. 156 China... opium problem... It was my business to go out there and have what my John would call a 'look-see'. 1924 *Blackw. Mag.* Sept. 356/2, I sat up, and had a look-see. The ground sheet was crawling with scorpions. 1926 M. LEINSTER *Dev on Leaf* 82, I distrust the look-see of things. 1927 *Observer* 9 Oct. 22 We must be grateful to the B.C. for letting us have a 'looksee', as the Chinese say. 1928 *Sat. Even. Post* 4 Feb. 105/3 And I can take a look-see at what they're doing in aviation over there. 1939 J. PASCOE *Unclimbed N.Z.* 67 A hurried reconnaissance, or in Colonial argot, a 'look-see', disclosed that. 1942 C. BARNETT *On Wallaby* iii. 52 We had a looksee at Merre Gudda, which, the blacks say, is a haunted cave. 1943 C. H. WARD-JACKSON *Piece of Cake* 41 A look-see, a reconnaissance. Thus, 'Let's get some facts first; go down to the flights and take a look-see'. 1957 I. CROSS *God Boy* (1958) xv. 123 I'll wander up and have a look-see. 1967 B. COPPER *No Flowers for General* xi. 142 I'll have a looksee at the front. 1968 A. DIMENT *Bang Bang Birds* ii. 13, I took a long looksee through my... binoculars.

2. (See quot.) rare.

1925 FRASER & GIBBONS *Soldier & Sailor Words* 147 A look see, a telescope, a periscope.

3. attrib.

1929 *Amer. Speech* V. 149 Several pidgin English terms are now accepted American slang: 'chow-chow' for food, and 'look-see man' for tourist or sightseer. 1971 M. TAK *Track Talk* 101 Look-see window, a window in the rear of the sleeper that assists the driver in backing up by increasing his visibility. 1973 *Times* 17 May 27/2 As a result of his 'look-see' trip Lewis... came back with around £100,000 worth of export orders. 1973 *Sci. Amer.* Oct. 114/1 'Look-see' diagrams that offer visual proof of complex algebraic formulas.

**look-up** ('lukap). [f. vbl. phr. to look up (see LOOK v. 45).] 1. A call, a visit. rare.

1853 D. G. ROSSSETTI *Let.* 25 Nov. (1905) 1. 278 Hughes... gave them a look up about it. 1888 R. BOLDRWOOD *Robbery under Arms* I. xiv. 191 We foraged up Aileen's mare, and made it up to ride over to George Storefield's, and gave him a look-up.

2. The action of (or a facility for) looking something up in a dictionary, file, etc.; retrieval of information about items in an ordered collection. *Freq. attrib.*

1948 *Math. Tables & Other Data to Computation* III. 157 Operations such as division, square root, table look-up, etc., where the required time cannot be predicted. 1958 A. D. BOOTH in *Aspects of Translation* 88 All that had been produced was a programme which would enable a computing machine to perform look-up operations which a human translator would perform with a dictionary. 1960 E.

DELAVERNAY *Introd. Machine Transl.* vi. 93 An appreciable amount of time will thus be saved in dictionary look-up. 1964 *Discovery* Oct. 55/1 The programme does this in several stages: (1) a dictionary look-up which provides information about parts of speech, [etc.], 1967 COX & GROSS *Organis. Bibliogr. Rec. by Computer* iv. 79 These citations are then found in the main file by a 'look-up' procedure. 1971 A. J. AITKEN in R. A. WISBEY *Computer in Lit. & Ling. Res.* 14 In addition, TLF also has a computer 'look-up' which in effect lists certain predictable collocations of certain common function words so that the computer can subdivide its examples according to these collocations.

looky here: see LOOK v. 4. a.

**[loom.** Error for LOOB (sense 1), a vessel to receive the washings of metallic ores.

1674 RAY *Collect. Words. Prepar. Tin* 121 The dross and earth... is carried all along the trough to a pit or vessel, into which the trough delivers it, called a loob. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Suppl.*, Loob (citing Ray's *English Words* p. 121). Hence in 1846 BUCHANAN *Technol. Dict.*, and some later Dicts.]

**loom** (lu:m), sb.<sup>1</sup> Forms: 1 *geloma*, 3 *leome*, 3-7 *lome*, 5-7 *loome*, 6 *Sc. lwme*, (lowme, lumme, *Sc. lwme*), 6-7 *lomb* (e, g, *Sc. lome*, 9 *Sc. leem*, *dial.* leumma, 7- loom. [ME. *lome*, aphetic repr. OE. *geloma* w. masc., utensil, implement, f. *ge- y- prefix* + *lōma* as in *andlōman* (often *andluman*, *andlaman*) pl., apparatus, furniture.

The ulterior etymology is obscure: some have suggested connexion with OE. *gelōme* (= OHG. *kilōmo*) often (see *ylōme*); on this hypothesis the primary sense would be 'things in frequent use'. The simple 'lōma' is cited in some dicta. as occurring in the Leiden glosses and the Corpus Glossary; but the Latin lemmata seem to show that the entries belong to different words.]

1. a. An implement or tool of any kind. Obs. exc. *Sc.* and *north. dial.*

c. 900 *tr. Bede's Hist.* iv. xxviii. (Schipper) 521 þu bead se Godes mon þæt him mon isærn geloman (serramentum) mid hwæte pider brohte þæt land mid to regenne. a. 1225 *Anc. R.* 124, I blessed þe þu mæst... vor þu makest me leome þerof to timbren, & to echen me mine cruce. 13... *Gaw. & Gr. Knt.* 2309 He lyfetes lystly his lome, & let hit down fayre, Wip þe barbe of þe bitte bi þe bare nek. a. 1320 in *Wright Lyric* P. xii. 41 So hit wes birstad, That nomon hem ne bad, huere lome to fonde. c. 1375 *Sc. Leg. Saints* vi. (*Magdalena*) 518 þai had na lomya to wil, for to make a gannand grawe. 1383 *LANGL. P. Pl. C.* vi. 45 The lomes patich labour with and lyfode deserue Yle pater-noster and my prymer. a. 1400 *Sir Perc.* 2032 Fulle evyle myght any mene smale, a lome fighte. c. 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 312, Lome, or instrument (S. lombe), utensile. 1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* vi. iii. 53 Enece... With lume in hand fast wirkind like the laif. 1584 HUDSON *Du Bartas* Judith i. (1608) 15 The Craftman now his lumes away hath laide. 1641 *BEST Farm. Bks.* (Surtees) 49 An outligger carryeth but only one lome to the field, and that is a rake. 1819 W. TENNANT *Papistry Storm* d. (1827) 51 Your hands are toom O' chappin-stick and weirlike loom, To batter at the bawd o' Rome. 1804 LATTO *Tom Boskin* iv. 31 'They wad get the contents o' that lume i' their warms, though!' said Willie, pu'in' oot a muckle horse pistol.

† b. The penis. Obs.

a. 1400-50 *Alexander* 4750 And large was his odd lome þe lenthe of a sperde. 1508 DUNBAR *Ysa marit* women 175 His lome is vaxit larbar. 1568 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xvii. 95. † c. = HEIRLOOM. Obs.

1424 E. E. Wills (1882) 56, I will he have my grete masee... for þe terme of his life, and so from hit to heyr lome. a. 1514 *Sailors' Ret.* II. iii. in *New Brit. Theatre* II. 340 With all the appurtenances, messuages, tenements, hereditaments, loms heir, rights, of court, leet, and baron... thereto appertaining and belonging.

d. *dial.* Applied to persons, with adjs. of contemptuous meaning. (Cf. *tool*.)

a. 1620 *Sir Aldingar* 47 in *Furnival's Feast* Folio I. 168 'Goe with me', saide our comly king, 'This lazear for to see'... 'there is a lody lome', sayp Isarry King, 'for our dame Queene Elienor!' 1878 *Cumtold Gloss.*, Leumm, loom; a tool; a term of reproach. 'He's an ill leumm'.

2. a. An open vessel of any kind, as a bucket, tub, vat, etc. Obs. exc. *Sc.*

a. 1300 *E.E. Psalter* xxxii. 7 Samenand als in lome watres of se. 13... *Child. Jesus* 659 in *Archiv. Stud. new. Spr.* LXXIV. 336 Thies clathis sente he... flor to litte thayme... Doo thayme in yone lomya thre. c. 1420 *Pallad. on Husb.* xi. 447 In lomya smaller hent this must, and vae hit as wyn pestilent. 1509 *Market Harboro' Rec.* (1809) 233 Item a growt lome and a lome for grenys vid. 1577 *Burgh Rec. Glasgow* (1832) 80 þe third feild breking of þair lomes, delyng of the brewing (etc.). 1586 *MS. Ivo.*, Hatfield Woodhouse, Yorks. It. kyts, stands, lombes, boules, dyshes, chyrne, flackets. 1630 in *Descr. Trades* (1758) 66 No Fisherman... shall use... any Weel called a Lomb, or a Mill-Pot, or any other Engine. 1816 *Scott Antiq.* xxiii. 'Ay, and there's something to pit it in', said the mendicant, eyeing the ram's horn—that lome's an auld acquaintance o' mine'. 1858 *Ramsay Remin.* Ser. I. (1860) 154 Having referred to the accident (of falling from his gig), Balmanno quietly added, 'Indeed, I maun hae a lume that'll had in'.

† b. Vessel, boat. Obs. rare.

13... *E.E. Allit. P. B.* 314 And þus of lenpe & of large þat lome (sc. the Ark) þu make. *Ibid.* 443.

3. a. A machine in which yarn or thread is woven into fabric by the crossing of threads called respectively the warp and weft. (In quot. 1535, 1566 app. used for: The beam of a loom.)

Often with prefixed word indicating (a) the kind of material produced, as *linen*, *ribben*, *woolen*, etc. *loom*; (b) the method of operation, as *hand*, *power* *loom*; (c) some particular form of construction, as *circular*, *draw* *loom*; (d) the inventor or improver, as *Jacquard loom*: for which see those words.

1404 *Nottingham Rec.* 27 Aug. II. 22 Item, j. lynn lome, et j. warpyngstok et warpyngtree, et j. wheel, appretiat ad j. li. iij. d. 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 312/1 Loom of webbaris craffe (K.P. of webstare), telatum. 1444 *Rolls of Parl.* V. 106/1 To serche all maner Worstedes, or to do serche, as well within the Lomes as oute of the Lomes. 1535 COVEDALE 1 *Sem.* xvii. 7 The shaft of his speare was like a weasours lome. 1566 *Eng. Ch. Furniture* (1866) 107 Johnne Craile who hath made a weavers lomb therof. 1632 MASSINGER & FIELD *Fatal Downy* iv. 1, His vestaments sit as if... art had wrought 'em on the same lome as nature fram'd his Lordship. 1673 C. HATTON in *H. Corr.* (1878) 120 Those weavers who had looms without engines broke open y<sup>e</sup> houses of all those weavers who had loomes with engines. 1717 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to Mr. Pope* 1 Apr. These wenchens... pass the time at their looms under the shade of the trees. 1840 THIRLWALL *Greece* VII. iv. 89 The looms of Ionia were kept in constant activity to supply purple robes for the Courtiers. 1843 MACAULAY *Lays Am. Rom.*, Horatius lxx, And the goodwife's shuttle merrily Goes flashing through the loom. 1867 SMILES *Huguenots* Eng. vi. (1880) 96 The artisans set up their looms, and began to work at the manufacture of... cloth.

fig. 1603 DEKKER *Wonderfull Years* Av. Whatsoever they wease in the motley-loome of their rustie pastes. 1635-56 COWLEY *Devidis* II. 97 All like a comely Youth in Lifes' fresh Bloom: Rare Workmanship, and wrought by heavy Loom. 1645 Z. BOYD *Holy Songs in Zion's Flowers* (1855) App. 13/1 Sorrows are as threads a cross; in this our earthly loome. 1761 GRAY *Fatal Sisters* II, Glitt'ring laces are the looms. Where the dusky warp we strain, Weaving many a soldier's doom. 1789 *Minor* 54 The best wrought piece that ever issued from his intellectual loom. 1864 LONGF. *Hawthorne* 7 The great elms o' erhead Dark shadows wave on their aerial looms.

† b. *transf.* Attributed to a spider or caterpillar; occas. used poet. for the web itself. Obs.

1590 GREENE *Orl. Fur.* (1599) 58 Finest silke, Fetch from the native looms of labouring worms. 1592 NARBE P. *Penitence* (ed. 2) 8b, Spiders... that want to set vp their looms in every window. 1606 DEKKER *Sev. Simes* 1. (Arb.) 15 O thou that on thy pillow (lyke a Spider in his loome) weasest mischeuous nets. 1647 H. MORE *Poems* 152 Like spider in her web, so do we sit Within this spirit, and if ought do shake This subtle loom we feel as it doth hit.

4. Put for: The art, business, or process of weaving.

1676 WORLIDGE *Cyder* (1601) 236 The dressing and preparing of hemp and flax from the stalk to the loom. 1697 *Drayton Envid* vii. 1096 Unbred to Spinning, in the Loom unskill'd. 1744 *Cowen Task* 1. 416 Who... Renounce the odours of the open field For the unscented fictions of the loom. 1829 SCOTT *Annals of G. iii.* Clothes... of much fines cloth, the manufacture of the German loom. 1846 McCulloch *Brit. Empire* (1854) II. 1 The intervention of merchants and dealers gives a continuous motion to the plough and the loom. 1859 TENNYSON *Enid* 603 And one among his gentlewomen Display'd a splendid silk of foreign loom.

5. The shaft, i.e. the part between the blade and the handle of an oar; also, limited to the part of the oar between the rowlock and the hands in rowing; also, loosely, the handle.

1597 DAMPIER *Voy.* (1729) I. 34 Of the young Trees Pruners, use to make Loom, or Handles for their Oars. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) D div. That part of the oar, which in within-board, is termed the loom. 1829 MARRIAT *P. Midway* ii. The oar meeting no resistance, its loom or handle came back upon the blade so. 1837 P. COLQUHOUN *Comp. Oarsmen's Guide* 40 The oar or scull (consists) of handle, loom, shank, and blade. 1883 CLARK *Russell's Sailors' Lang.* Loom, ... the part of an oar that is in a boat when the rest of it is out. 1893 F. M. CRAWFORD *Child. King* i. 5 Out go the sweeps... and the men throw themselves forward over the long slender loom, as they stand.

6. *Electr.* a. Flexible tubing which is fitted over the ordinary insulation of an electric wire to provide additional protection.

1917 A. L. COOK *Insulated Wiring* xiii. 235 For wires carrying more than 300 volts or for damp places, flexible conduit or armored cable must be used. The flexible tubing used is sometimes called 'circular loom'. 1939 H. P. RICHTER *Pract. Electr. Wiring* xi. 158 Where wires cross each other, slip loom over both wires.

b. A group of parallel insulated wires bound together into a bundle; (see also quot. 1949).

1949 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (B.S.I.) II. 23 Loom, one or more cables pre-assembled for installation in an aircraft. 1962 *Whitby Car Suppl.* Oct. 139/1 A wiring loom prevented the dipstick being removed or replaced easily. 1972 C. E. JOWETT *Electronic Engin. Processes* iv. vi. 141 The forming of looms should preferably be by means of plastic ties, at an approximate pitch of 25 or 38 mm.

7. *attrib.* and *Comb.*: a. simple attrib., as loom-beam, -pattern, -post, -spoke, -room, -treadle, -weight; b. instrumental, as loom-made, -wrought adjs.; c. objective, as loom-maker, -worker, d. locative, as loom-bred adj.; e. special comb., as † loom-flitter, a weaver; loom-house, a building or factory in which weaving is carried on; loom-lace, lace made in a loom; loom-lord nonce-wd., the proprietor of weaving machinery; loom-picture, a picture woven in textile fabric; loom-shed, -shop, -stance, -stead = loom-house; loom-state a., of woollen fabrics, in the state in which they came from the loom, untreated; † loom-work, weaving.

1806 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* II. iv. 1. David 88 His Lance a loom-beam, or a Mast (as big) Which yet he shaketh as an Oarier twine. 1822 W. TENNANT *Antiq. F. II.* xxviii. 36 Dunfermline, too... Sends out her 'loom-bred' men. a. 1853 G. DANIEL *Idyl* iv. 86 Children... can name Oligarchy, with



more Ease Than a \*Loom-flitter, can Church Hierarchies. 1819 *Western Rev.* i. 303 The other two young women slept in a 'loom house adjoining. 1864 B. BRIERLEY *Laycock of Langley-side* ix. 121 We 'st be as quiet as a empty loomhouse. 1869 *Land. Gaz.* No. 2493/4 A Wastcoat lac'd with broad Silver knotted \*Loom-lace. 1870 EMERSON *Soc. & Solit.* vi. 123 There has been a nightmare bred in England of indigestion and spleen among landlords and 'loomlords. 1890 *Daily News* 13 Nov. 5/5 Finest 'loom-made Spanish lace. 1891 in *Illustr. Lond. News* 5 Aug. (1854) 119 Occupations of the People, 'loom-maker. 1835 *URE Philos. Manuf.* 259 'Loom-pattern drawing. 1870 J. K. HUNTER *Life Studies* xxii. 155 He had a wee box on the tap o' his loom and he had a slate that hung on his 'loompost. 1845 *Knickerbocker* XXV. 448, I went out to look at the 'loom-room. 1835 *URE Philos. Manuf.* 351 A 'loom-shed. *Ibid.* 263 The master of a 'loom-shop. 1817 HOGG *Tales & Sk.* V. 178 The destructive weaver seized a 'loomspoke, and began a-beating me. 1876 S. R. WHITEHEAD *Deft Davie* 6 The shop, containing generally several looms—a 'loom-stance being often subtlet by the householder—was on the other [side]. 1961 BLACKSHAW & BRIGHTMAN *Dict. Dyeing* 101 \*Loomstate, woven fabrics in the condition in which they come from the loom. For practical purposes the term is synonymous with Grey (adjective). 1972 *Times* 9 May 20/6 Lists of cotton 'grey (loomstate) goods. 1869 I. BURNS *Life W. C. Burns* iv. (1870) 10 The weaving 'loomsteads. 1831 CARLYLE *Sart. Res.* (1858) 15 Religion... weaving for herself new vestures;—Teufelsdröckh himself being one of the 'loom-treadles. 1881 *Archæologia* XLVI. 468 The 'loom weights of chalk... were used to weigh down the warp in the process of weaving. 1598 W. PHILLIPS *Linschoten* (1864) 179 These clothes... being verie costly wrought with \*Loom-work. a 1640 DAY *Peregr. Schol.* (1881) 68 She taught Arachne her curious loomwork. 1659 TORRIANO, *Telarado*, a weaver or 'loom-worker of any kind of cloth. 1870 MORRIS *Earthly Par.* III. iv. 190 Its woven waters seemed to fall, its trees, its beasts, its 'loom-wrought folk, Now seemed indeed as though they woke.

**loom** (lu:m), sb.<sup>2</sup> Also 7 lumb, 7-9 lumme, 9 lumme. [In Shetland repr. a. ON. *lóm-r*; in mod. literary use partly from Shetland dialect and partly a. mod. Sw. and Da. *lom*.] A name given in northern seas to species of the Guillemot and the Diver, esp. *Alca brunnichi* and *Columbus septentrionalis* (Red-throated Diver). Cf. LOON sb.<sup>2</sup>

[1678 RAY *Willughby's Ornith.* 343 It is common among the Norwegians and Islanders, who in their own Country Language call it Lumme.] 1694 NAKBOROUGH, etc. Voy. ii. 80 The Lumb... is quite black at the top, but underneath his belly even to the neck, he is snow-white. 1755 AMORY *Mem.* (1769) I. 129 On the water, near the rocks, there were thousands of lummes and razor-bills. 1772-84 COOK *Voy.* (1790) V. 1761 The greater lumme, or diver, found in the northern parts of Europe. 1835 SIR J. ROSS *Narr. and Voy.* iv. 51 We saw a few looms and shearwaters. 1876 DAVIS *Polaris Exped.* xvi. 391 One lumme. 1886 A. W. GREELY *Arctic Service* I. 49 On the face of these sea-ledges of Arveprins Island Bruennich's guillemots, or looms, gather in the breeding season, by tens of thousands.

b. The flesh of these birds as an article of food. 1878 A. H. MARKHAM *Gt. Frozen Sea* iii. 46 We revelled in 'loom soup', 'loom pie', 'toast loom' [etc.].

**loom** (lu:m), sb.<sup>2</sup> [f. LOOM v.<sup>2</sup>]

1. A seaman's term for the indistinct and exaggerated appearance or outline of an object when it first comes into view, as the outline of land on the horizon, an object seen through the mist or darkness, etc.

1836 MARRYAT *Midsk.* Early xxvi, We're very near the land, Captain Wilson; thick as it is, I think I can make out the loom of it. 1839 — *Phant. Ship* xii, I did not see anything but the loom of her hull. 1861 H. KINGSLEY *Ravenshoe* li, A dark line, too faint for landmen's eyes, far ahead, which changed into a loom of land. 1881 *Times* 30 May 6/4 Suddenly the loom of a rock was seen right ahead. 1889 DOYLE *Micha Clarke* 244 Looking back there was nothing but a dim loom to show where we had left the great vessel.

fig. 1870 LOWELL *Among my Bks.* Set. i. (1873) 231 No mirage of tradition to give characters and events an imaginative loom.

2. dial. (See quot. and cf. LOOM v.<sup>2</sup> 1.)

1878 *Cumbld. Gloss.*, Loom, the slow and silent motion of the water of a deep pool.

**loom** (lu:m), a. (or sb. attrib.) *Naut.* Also 6 lum, 7 loome, loume. [Perh. corruptly a. Da. *lugin*: see LOUN a., dial.] A breeze or wind: Easy, gentle. Obs. exc. in loom gale, 'an easy gale of wind, in which a ship can carry her whole topsails atrip' (Smyth *Sailor's Word-bk.* 1867).

1837 J. DAVIS *Traverse Bk. in Hakluyt* (1810) lii. 154 An island of ice was carried by the force of the current as fast as our bark could sail with lum wind, all sails bearing. 1609 in *Purchas Pilgrims* (1625) IV. ix. v. 1733 By the feruent heat and looms breezes, many of our men fell sick of the Calenture. 1626 CAPT. SMITH *Acid. Yng. Sea-men* 17 A spoute, a lomme gale, an eddy wind. 1627 — *Seaman's Gram.* x. 46 A faire Loomme Gale is the best to sail in, because the Sea goeth not high, and we beare out all our sails. 1644 DICKEY *Nat. Bodies* xxviii. (1658) 304 We had run... all the sails abroad we could make, and in a fair loom way. 1694 MOTTEUX *Rabelais* v. x, We... stood for the Offing with a fair loom Gale.

**loom** (lu:m), v.<sup>1</sup> rare. [f. LOOM sb.<sup>1</sup>]

1. trans. To weave (a fabric).

1548 HOOPER *Decl. Ten Command.* x. 161 He... is as long in the morning to set his herd in an order, as a godlie crafwtis man would be in loming of a peace of karsey. 1887 MOLONEY *Forestry W. Afr.* 145 The cloth loomed from the cotton thread of the country.

2. Weaving. to loom the web: to 'mount' the warp on the loom. Also absol.

1827 TAYLOR *Poems* 58 (E.D.D.) Thou's begun to loom thy web, I see thinking ye wabster bid. 1851 L. D. B. GORDON in *Art Jnl. Illustr. Catal.* p. vii\*\*/2 The 'lease' now being taken, and the cross bands or threads being introduced for the purpose of 'loom'ing, or drawing in of the weaver's beam. 1883 A. BROWN *Power-Loom* (ed. 4) 86 The process of loom'ing the web.

Hence 'loomed ppl. a., woven.

1729 SAVAGE *Wanderer* i. 277 He... with loom'd Wool the native Robe supplies.

**loom** (lu:m), v.<sup>2</sup> Also 7 lome, 7, 8 loam. [Skeat suggests that the original meaning may have been 'to come slowly (towards)', and compares EFRIS. *lōmen*, Sw. dial. *loma* to move slowly, MHG. *luomen* to be weary, from *luomi* slack (related by ablaut to LAME a.). Cf. also *loomy* (Sc. and north. dial.) misty, cloudy (E.D.D.).]

† 1. Of a ship, also of the sea: To move slowly up and down. Obs. rare.

1605 SIR T. SMITH *Voy. Russia* C 1 b, To behold one of the 3 gallant spectacles in the world, a Ship vnder sayle, loming (as they tearme it) indeede like a Lyon pawing with his forefeet. 1667 COLEPREST in *Phil. Trans.* II. 481 Being in a Calm, that way which the Sea began to loom or move, the next day the Wind was sure to blow from that point of the Compass towards which the Sea did Loom the day before. 1678 Yng. Man's Call. 93 This is to him as the due ballast to the ship, which makes the vessel indeed loome somewhat deeper, but keeps it from tossing too lightly upon the uncertain waters.

2. intr. To appear indistinctly; to come into view in an enlarged and indefinite form. Also with up. Often with adj. compl., as to loom large.

1592 SYLVESTER *Du Bartas* i. vii. 55 Here smokes a Castle, there a City fumes, And here a Ship upon the Ocean looms [orig. *Et là flotte une nef sur Neptune irrité*]. 1658 PHILLIPS s.v., A Ship Loomes a great or a small sail, a term used in Navigation, and signifieth as much as a Ship seems a great or a little Ship. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1780) s.v. Looming, She looms large afore the wind. *Ibid.* ii. *Mirror*, to loom, or appear indistinctly. 1835 SIR J. ROSS *Narr. and Voy.* vi. 87 We saw the land looming. 1840 R. H. DANA *Bef. Mast* xxxvi, 136 A great ship loomed up out of the fog. 1846 KERLE *Lyra Innoc.* (1873) 73 The hard stern outlines loom around Of hull by many a frost embrowned. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exped.* xv. (1856) 110 Men are magnified to giants, and brigs 'loom up', as the sailors term it, into ships of the line. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* i. xvi. 112 Still the summit loomed above us. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* i. xiv, A mist through which Mr. Inspector loomed vague and large. 1900 J. C. FRAZER *Pausanias*, etc. 53 The haze through which the sun's disc looms red and lurid.

transf. (jocular).

1862 MRS. H. WOOD *Channings* v. 37 He understood it was quite a ladies' affair, and loomed in, dressed up to the nines.

b. fig. and of immaterial things.

1592 SYLVESTER *Iery* 180 But, lo My Liege: O Courage! there he comes: What Ray of Honour round about him Looms? 1650 B. DISCOLLIMMUM 6 Reasons... which loome so big in some mens eyes. 1809 W. IRVING *Knicker.* (1861) 69 Thus loom on my imagination those happier days of our city. 1827 SCOTT *Jnl.* 7 July, Cash affairs loom well in the offing. 1850 TENNYSON in *Mem. xxiv*, And is it that the haze of grief makes former gladness loom so great? 1851 H. MAYO *Pop. Superstit.* 101 The facts which loom so large in the dawn'ing light. 1875 STUBBS *Const. Hist.* III. xviii. 26 Political difficulties... were looming at no great distance. 1878 BROWNING *La Sainz* 42 Shrunk to atom size, That which loomed immense to fancy low before my reason lies.

c. causative. To make to loom or appear unnaturally large. rare.

1817 *Chron.* in *Ann. Reg.* 473 It possesses the quality of looming, or magnifying objects... making the small billets of wood appear as formidable as trees.

**loom**, obs. form of LAMB, LOAM.

**loomb**(e, obs. form of LAMB, LOOM.

**loomer** ('lu:mə(r)), [f. LOOM v.<sup>2</sup> 2 + -ER<sup>1</sup>.] (See quot. 1892.)

1881 *Daily News* 12 Sept. 3/6 The Loomers... are still on strike. 1892 *Labour Commission Gloss.*, Loomers, those who take the warp as it comes from the 'taper', and prepare it for the loom.

**loomery** ('lu:məri), [f. LOOM sb.<sup>2</sup> + -ERY.] The place where looms or guillemots flock together for breeding.

1859 MCCLINTOCK *Voy. Fox* 151 Our shooting parties have twice visited a loomery upon Cape Graham. 1882 L. SMITH in *Standard* 22 Aug. 2/5 At Cape Stephen there was a large loomery, and at Cape Forbes there were a few looms.

**loom'ing** ('lu:m'ing), vbl. sb.<sup>1</sup> [f. LOOM v.<sup>2</sup> + -ING<sup>1</sup>.] A coming indistinctly into view.

1627 CAPT. SMITH *Seaman's Gram.* xi. 53 The loom'ing of a ship is her prospect, that is, as she doth shew great or little. 1634 *Relat. La. Baltimore* i. Plantor. (1865) 7 At the first loom'ing of the ship upon the river, we found... all the Country in Armes. 1684 *Bucaniers Amer.* (1698) ii. 82 This day we saw the loom'ing of a very high land. 1790 ROY in *Phil. Trans.* LXXX. 266 Wherever the most faint loom'ing of the land in a very clear day can be discerned. 1807 *Europ. Mag.* LII. 441/2 [Sailor log.] 'Split me but I know the loom'ing of the land herabouts'. 1829 NAT. *Philos. Optics* xviii. 56 (U.K.S.) The elevation of coats, ships, and mountains above their usual level, when seen in the distant horizon, has been long known and described under the name of Looming. 1853 KANE *Grinnell Exped.* ix. (1856) 69 No evidences of refraction visible, except some slight loomings of the more distant bergs. 1861 C. J. ANDERSON *Okavango*

vii. 87 A crashing and cracking... announced the approach of elephants; in a few moments afterwards the loom'ing of a dozen huge unwieldy figures in the distance told of their arrival.

fig. a 1839 GALT *Demon of Destiny* vii. (1840) 50 Tremendous loomings of eternal things.

**loom'ing** ('lu:m'ing), vbl. sb.<sup>2</sup> [f. LOOM v.<sup>1</sup> + -ING<sup>1</sup>.] The action or process of 'mounting' the warp on the loom. In quot. attrib.

1851 L. D. B. GORDON in *Art Jnl. Illustr. Catal.* p. vii\*\*/1 The warp was then taken from this [sizing] machine to a machine for winding it on a roller-beam, after which it was taken to the loom'ing-frame, and next to the loom.

**loom'ing** ('lu:m'ing), ppl. a. [f. LOOM v.<sup>2</sup> + -ING<sup>2</sup>.] That looms, in the senses of the vb.

1855 M. ARNOLD *New Silens* 182 In the midst of river-meadows Where the looming deer are laid. 1876 T. HARDY *Ethelberta* (1890) 217 As if divers social wants and looming penuriousness had never been within her experience. 1876 OUDA *Winter City* vi. 119 Her silvery marabouts glancing like hoar-frost in the shadows of the looming walls.

**loon** (lu:n), sb.<sup>1</sup> Chiefly Sc. and north. dial. Forms: 5 lowen, 5-6 loone, 6 lound, 6-9 loun(e), lown(e), 7- loon. [In 16th c. *lowen*, *lowne*, rhyming with *chenoun*, *downe*. Of obscure origin; the early forms do not favour the current hypothesis of connexion with early mod. Du. *loen* 'homo stupidus' (Plantijn and Kilian) which seems to be known only from dictionaries. The ON. *lúenn*, beaten, benumbed, weary, exhausted (pa. ppl. of *lyja* to beat, thrash) has been suggested as a possible etymon. The order of development of the senses is somewhat uncertain.]

1. A worthless person; a rogue, scamp (esp. in false loon, to play the loon); a sluggard, idler.

c 1450 St. Cuthbert (Surtees) 7957 be clerkis pat were pare, lepit lowens (rien chenouns). c 1470 HENRYSON *Fables* 2413 in *Anglia* IX. 473 Than lichte in the bukett lak the loon. The tod come hailland vp, the wolf yeld down. 1508 KENNEDY *Flying w. Dunbar* 485 Fra honest folk deuouide this lathly loon. 1514 BARCLAY *Ecolg.* ii. (1570) Bii, That men shall call the malapart or dronke, Or an abbey lowne or limmer (printed limner) of a monke. 1548 PATTEN *Exped. Scot.* G. viiib, Cum here loundes, cum here tykes. 1571 SATIR. *Poems Reform.* xxviii. 68 To loup on lassis, lait, and play the Lowne. 1590 MARLOWE *Eud.* II. i. iv. 82 For shame, subscribe, and let the lowne depart. a 1600 MONTGOMERIE *Misc. Poems* xxxiii, 36 Let not sik loons with teaising 300 allure. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* ii. iii. 95 He held them [breaches] all to deere, With ther he cald the Tailor Lowne. 1605 — *Macb.* v. iii. 11 The duell demne thee blacke, thou cream-fac'd Loon. 1637 RUTHERFORD *Let.* (1862) i. 289 Looking on with their hands folded behind their back when loons are running with the spoil of Zion on their back. 1674-91 RAY *N.C. Words* 47 The Scots say, a fausse, i.e. false loon. 1700 DRYDEN *Cock & Fox* 589 But the false loon who cou'd not work his will By open force employ'd his flat'ring skill. 1762 CHURCHILL *Prophecy* *Famine* Poems I. 114 When with a foreign loon she stole away. 1851 LONGF. *Gold. Leg. iv. Refectory*, Out upon him, the lazy loon! appositively. 16... in Row *Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) 392 Christ's minister may not preach Christ's truth, if a loon minister nearer by him have taught lies, except the Bishop give him leave so to doe.

b. Of a woman: A strumpet, concubine.

c 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) iv. 87 The gayest gritest loon, c 1600 in Gordon *Fraser Wigton* (1877) 392 Bad hir swithe (printed anythir) pack hir furthe harlot loon. 1714 RAMSAY *Elegy J. Couper* vii, He ken'd the bawds and loons for well, a loon in Scott *Minstr.* Scot. *Bord.* (1802) II. 68, I trow some body has paid the loon. 1828 SCOTT *F.M. Perth* ii, Thou art too low to be their lawful love, and too high to be their unlawful loon.

2. A man of low birth or condition; in phrase *lord and loon*. Now only arch.

1535 STEWART *Cron. Scot.* (1858) I. 45 Thus for a loon than lichlyt is ane lord. 1548 PATTEN *Exped. Scot.* I viiib, The Lurdein was, in a manner, all one with the Lorde, and the Lorde with the Lard. 1608 SHAKS. *Per.* iv. vi. 20 Wee should haue both Lorde and Lowne, if the peevish baggage would but giue way to customers. a 1650 CAPT. Carr in *Furnivall Paper Folio* I. 8, 'I will not geve over my hous', she saithe, 'Neither for lord nor lowne'. 1840 BARHAM *Ing. Leg.*, 'Moutre' Balloon, The peer and the peasant, the lord and the loon.

3. A boor, lout, clown; an untaught, ill-bred person.

1619 Bk. *Demeanor* 12 in *Babes Bk.*, With manlike cheere, Nor like a rustic lowne. 1784 *Unfortunate Sensibility* I. 133 I comforted him with the ill-bred loon who had addressed my mother in my behalf. 1790 BURNS *Ep. R. Graham* 11 [He] Came shaking hands wi' wabster loons. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* i. iii, Now get thee hence, thou grey-beard Loon. 1828 SCOTT *F.M. Perth* vii, Go to your Provost, you lorril loons. 1872 BLACKIE *Lays Highl.* 49 A titled loon of high degree.

4. A fellow, man, 'chap'.

a 1550 *Christis Kirke* G. xii, The wyves... fand lyfe in the loone. 1728 STARRAT *To Ramsay* 15 in *R's Poems*, And learn'd the Latin loons sic springs to play As gars the world gang dancing to this day. 1901 *Scottman* 28 Feb. 8/3 Wherever Moray loons may gather.

5. A boy, lad, youth.

c 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) ii. 107 For thair weis nowdir lad not loon Mycht eit ane baikin loch For fowness. 1659-60 PEPPY *Diary* 11 Jan. 1... went in to see Crowley who was now grown a very great loon and very tame. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* 17 Sept. an. 1773, The usual figure of a Sky-boy is a loon with bare legs and feet. 1821 CLARE *Vill. Minstr.* II. 75 Urging each loon to leave his sports in fear. 1891 H. HALBURTON *Ochil Idylls* 127 As when ye roamed, a hardy loon, Upon the banks o' May. 1893 CROCKETT