



# Look

There are all sorts of looking that takes place over a school day. Students look up when there is a loud noise, they look out of the window, and they look for their books when it's time to change subjects.

**Look** can be used as both a verb and noun. The most common use of **to look** is the process of using the eyes to see something. However, there are several other common uses for **to look**.

**Look** can also be used as a noun. For example, a teacher may ask to take a look at a student's assignment.

## Follow-Ups

- What is the difference between staring and glancing at a book?
- Would you imagine or observe a science experiment unfold?
- How is glancing at a book different than browsing a book?
- What does it mean to rubberneck or gawk?

## The Spanish Connection

The word look is an Old English word *lócian*. The Spanish word for to look is *mirar*. **Look** and *mirar* are not cognates. However, some synonyms for **look** have Spanish cognates.

## Word Changes

The different ways a person can **look** at something are also reflected in many different idioms and common phrases. A person who is complacent about something is “looking the other way.” A person who is being optimistic is “looking on the bright side.” Someone who looks great “looks a million bucks.”



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## Look as in to look quickly

- peek
- peep
- glimpse
- glance
- glint
- browse
- scan
- skim

## Look as in to look for a long time

- stare
- glare
- glower
- gaze
- gawk
- rubberneck
- leer
- ogle
- gape
- watch

## Look as in to see

- see
- view
- witness
- view
- spy

## Look as in to observe

- watch
- notice
- follow
- note
- observe
- peer

## Look as in to search for something

- search
- find
- seek
- hunt
- forage

## Look as in to imagine

- picture
- visualize
- envision
- imagine

## Look as in to look critically

- examine
- inspect

## IDIOMS

- Look out
- Look after
- Look a gift horse in the mouth
- Look alive/sharp
- Look down (one's) nose at/on
- Look forward to
- Look in on
- Look the other way
- Look up to
- Look on the bright side
- Things are looking up
- Look what the cat dragged in!
- Look who's talking!
- Looking for a needle in a haystack
- Look like a million dollars
- If looks could kill
- Look good on paper
- Look high and low
- By the looks of it
- Look me in the eye/face
- Once over
- Eyeball it

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## COMMON PHRASES

- Look after
- Look around
- Look at
- Look back
- Look down
- Look for
- look forward
- Look into
- Look over
- Look through
- Look up

## PROVERB

"Look before you leap."

## THE SPANISH CONNECTION

- to examine / examinar
- to observe / observar
- to visualize / visualizar
- to imagine / imaginar



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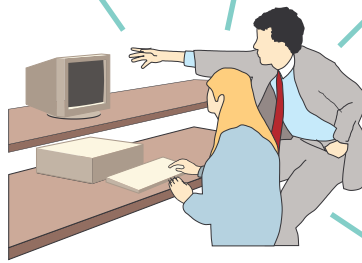
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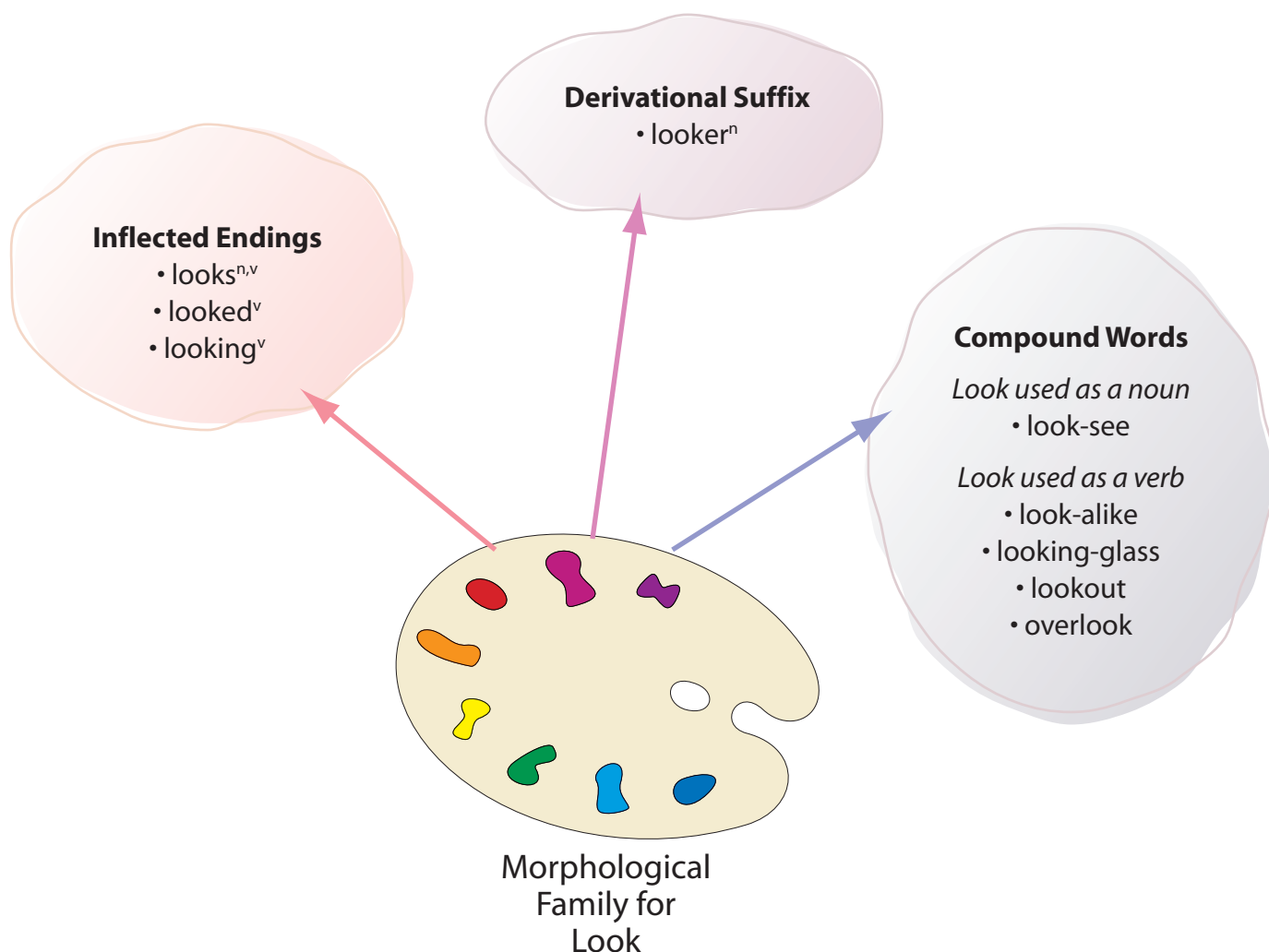
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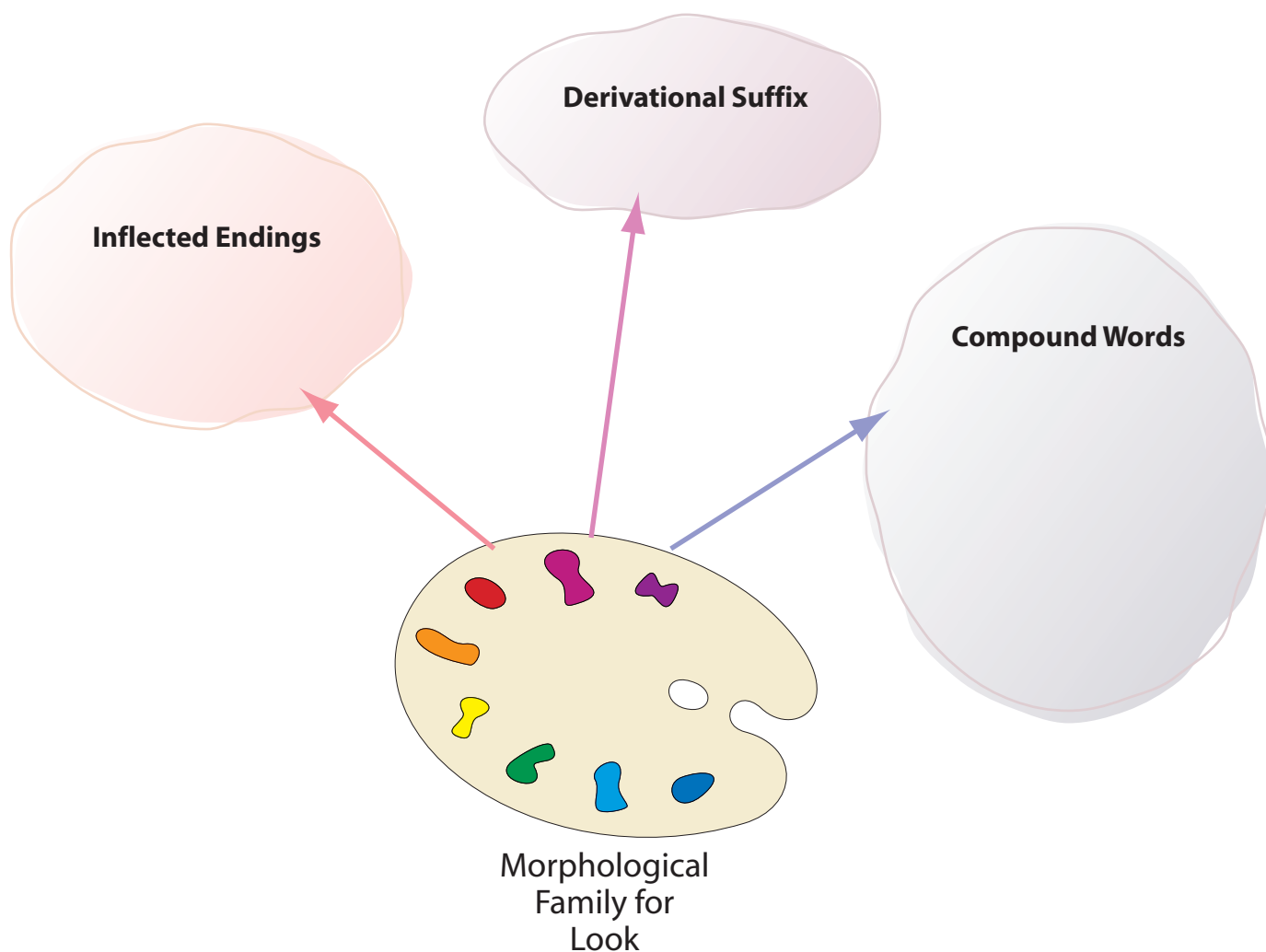
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