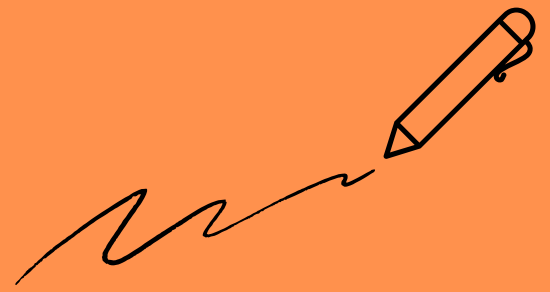


# PHRASAL VERBS: “TO LOOK + PREPOSITION”



Phrasal verbs can be difficult to remember because their meanings often change depending on the preposition. Although they are not inappropriate in academic writing, it is generally preferable to use single-word verbs or more specific prepositional phrases.

- **Look up** = search for information → “I looked up the definition.”
  - **Academic writing:** consult, examine, review, investigate
- **Look up to** = admire/respect → “She looks up to her advisor.”
  - **Academic writing:** turn to, seek guidance from, draw on (for expertise or scholarship), regard highly (admiration)
- **Look for** = search for → “I’m looking for my notes.”
  - **Academic writing:** seek, identify, locate
- **Look after** = take care of → “She looks after her younger brother.”
  - **Academic writing:** oversee, supervise, manage, attend to, be responsible for

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