MÓDULO 03 - LOOK OUT FOR

DEFINITION

TO LOOK OUT (FOR) / TO WATCH OUT (FOR)

- 1) to be careful;
- 2) to pay attention (to...)/ to "keep an eye on someone/something;"
- 3) to take care of (someone/something)

LOOK OUT (FOR...)/WATCH OUT (FOR...) are INSEPARABLE

LOOK & WATCH are REGULAR VERBS - LOOK - LOOKED - LOOKED/WATCH - WATCHED - WATCHED

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1) BE CARFUL

1. Present tense + present continuous

Look out! There's a car coming!

2. Present continuous + modal verbs (must)

While you're traveling in Southern Europe, you must look out for pick-pocketers.

• A pick-pocketer/pickpocket – a person that picks something out of your pocket unnoticed. They steal from you while you're distracted.

3. Future (will)

You will have to look out for potholes while driving. This road is full of them.

• potholes - holes specifically found in roads.

2) PAY ATTENTION

4. Present tense

Look out for Larry. He **started out** as one of the weakest players but now he's one of the best on the team.

• to start out = to start; to begin

START X BEGIN

"Start" and "begin" mean the same thing. The only difference is that "start" is more commonly used because it's a little less formal.

- o I started/began learning English when I was 15.
- o Class will start/begin in 20 minutes.

Also, you only use "start" with machines to say, "turn on" or "work".

- o Press this button to start the computer.
- o My car won't start.

5. Past simple

The **police** told us to *look out for* a white van.

Police - /p li s/ soulds like "po-líss"



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6. Conditionals

If I had been looking out for the broken glass, I wouldn't have cut my foot. There should've been a sign out.

3) TAKE CARE OF

7. Present tense

Please *look out for* the dog while **I'm gone**. He always gets a bit **lonely**.

- to be gone = not here; away
 - o My neighbors have been gone since January. I wonder where they are.

Lonely x Alone

- Alone = no one else is with you
 - o I live alone. I don't live with anyone else.
- Lonely = a sad feeling that you get when you are alone.
 - o I felt very lonely when my children went away to college.

8. Used to (+ be used to/get used to do)

That's the man that used to look out for us when we lived here.

- That something that is far away
- This something that is close

9. Future (will or going to) + modal verb (can)

It will be nice to travel with **someone**, that way you can *look out for* each other.

Someone x Anyone

- In affirmative sentences, "someone" means "a specific person" (alguém; alguma pessoa) and "anyone" means "whoever" (qualquer pessoa)
 - o someone = somebody
 - o anyone = anybody
 - o no one = nobody
 - o everyone = everybody

10. Modals (must)

We must look out for each other and always have each other's backs.

• "I've got your back" is an expression that means "I'm supporting you" or "I'm on your side"

PRACTICE

What is something that you need to look out for (or watch out for)?

- o I need to look out for internet scams. It's hard to trust everything you see nowadays on the internet.
- o I need to look out for alligators where I live because there are a lot in this

