**Confusable words**

**Glance /look/ stare/glimpse/gaze**

**Glance- (v) (always+adv/prep at/up/towards)**

1. to quickly look at smth or smb once: Nadine glanced round to see…

2. to read smth very quickly(+at/over): Can you glance through…

3. to flash: light glancing on the water

**Glance- (n)**

1. A quick look give/take/shoot/ throw a glance( at)=look at smb or smth quickly :He gave her a quick glance…, exchange glances= look at each other quickly
2. At a glance if you know smth at a glance, you know it as soon as you see it: He’ll be able to if the diamonds are genuine at a glance.
3. At first glance when you first look at smth: At first glance the place seemed deserted.

**Test**

***glance / look / stare***

1. He **glanced/stared** blankly at the paper in front of mc.

2. If you **look/ stare** carefully you can just see our house from here.

3. She **glanced / stared** quickly at her friend and they burst out laughing.

4. He sat **looking / staling** into space.

5. To **look / stare** at htm you'd never think he was nearly fifty.

6. Why is he **glancing / staring** at me like that? it is not polite.

7. I **glanced /** **stared** up quickly to see who had come in.

8. She **glanced / stared** at him in despair.

9. He **glanced / stared** through the report.

10. He **looked / stared** up blankly at the hole in the ceiling.

11. They **glanced / stared** at me in mute amazement.

12. At first **glance / stare** the problem seemed easy.

**Glimpse**

**Glimpse (v)**

1. to see smth or smb for a moment without getting a complete view of them: I glimpsed her face in crowd, but then she was gone.

2. to begin to understand smth for a moment: He glimpsed the despair that she must have felt.

**Glimpse (n)**

1. a sight of smb or smth that you only have for a short time and that is not complete: get/catch/ a glipse of I caught only a glimpse of the president’s car.

Fleeting glimps= a very short one

2. a short experience of something that helps you begin to understand it: a glimpse of what life might be like in the future**.**

**Gaze**

**Gaze (v) -** (always +adv/prep) – to look at smb or smth for a long time, giving it all your attention often without realizing you are doing so + into/at: Patrick was gathering into the fair.

*Usage note: gaze*

*Word choice: look, gaze, stare, gape - these words all describe looking at smb or smth for a long time.*

**Gaze(n) –** a long steady look: a curious gaze/lower your gaze - Ellen smiled uncomfortably and lowered her gaze. Meet sb’s gaze= look directly at smb who is looking at you: He didn’t dare to meet her gaze.

**Look**

**Look (v)**

1. see-to turn your eyes towards smth, so that you can see it: Sorry, I didn’t see-I wasn’t looking.

2. search-to try and find smth using your eyes: We looked everywhere but we couldn’t find it.

3.Seem- to seem to be smth, especially by having a particular appearance: How do I look in this dress?

(look sb up and down; look sb in the eyes/face; look down your nose at; look before you leap; look after; look ahead; look around/round; look at; look back; look down on; look for; look forward to; look in; look into; look on/upon; look out; look out for; look over; look through; look to; look up)

**Look (n)**

1. Looking at smth
2. Expression
3. Appearance
4. Smb’s beauty
5. Fashion

**Stare**

**Stare(v)**

1.to look at smth or smb for a long time without moving your eyes+ out : Stop staring out of window.

2.be staring sb in the face a) (informal) to de very clear and easy to see b) to seem impossible to avoid

Stare sb out (BrE) stare sb down (AmE)- to look at sb for so long that they start to feel uncomfortable and look away.

**Stare (n)**

A long steady look or a way of staring: a disapproving stare

**Test**

***glance / glimpse / stare / gaze / look***

1. John, it is impolite to **glance / stare / gaze** at people like this.

2. He had been **glancing /** **glimpsing / gazing** at her for some time and then turned away.

3.She **glimpsed / gazed / stared** at him and passed by.

4. She **stared / gazed / glimpsed** at him thoughtfully trying to understand his feelings.

5. He likes this portrait very much. He can **gaze / stare / glance** at И for hours.

6. **Glance / Look / Gaze** at these forget-me-nots. Aren't they lovely?

7. The people **glanced / stared** **/ gazed** at him as a curiosity and gathered about him, wondering at his dress, for it was unlike theirs.

8. He **gazed / glanced / glimpsed** at the brilliant necklace long and in the end decided to buy it.

9. He quickly **gazed / glanced / stared** at the mail and sat into the armchair.

10. He **stared / gazed / glimpsed** at me as if 1 had said something stupid.

11 To **gaze / stare /** **glance** means to look at somebody or something for a long time, especially in a way that is unfriendly or that shows surprise.

12. To **gaze / stare / glance** means to look steadily at somebody or something for a long time, either because you are wry interested or surprised, or because you are thinking of something else. 13. To **gaze / stare / glimpse** means to look at somebody or something for a very short time, when you do not see the person or thing completely.

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