

# VPC IN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

One of the most difficult structures to acquire in L2 (Neagu, 2007 ; Laufer, 1997)

while they present no specific difficulty in L1 acquisition

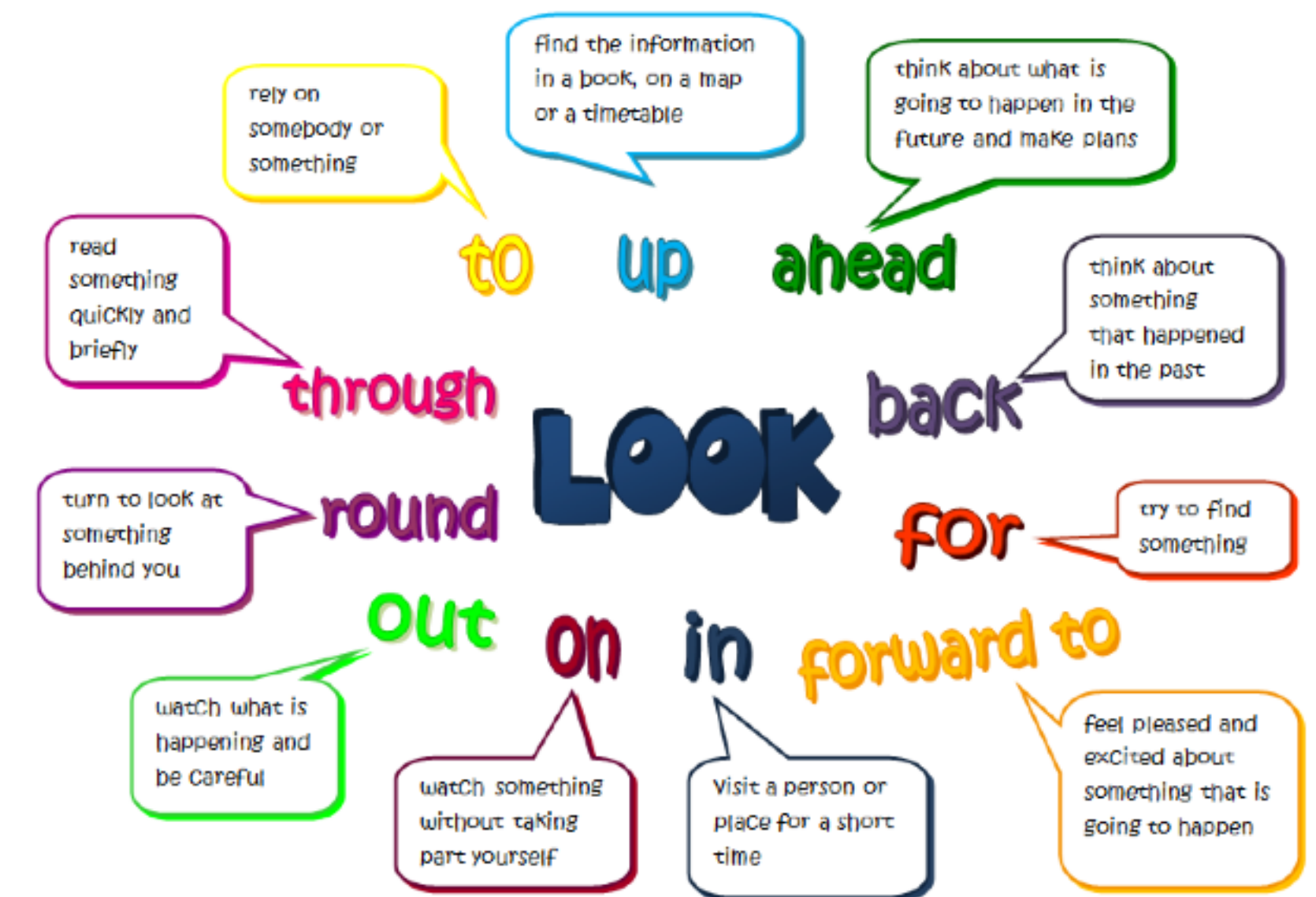
## Production studies

VPC are avoided in L2 production

( Liao & Fukuya, 2004)

*disappoint* instead of *let down*

## Comprehension studies ?



ASSESSING SEMANTIC TRANSPARENCY

through similarity judgments

How similar are **look** et **look up** meanings?

look	look up	1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9
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(Gonnerman & Hayes, 2005)

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