

**behold**

- [bɪ'həʊld] *v* (*beheld*) *книжн.*  
 1) смотреть, созерцать  
 to behold the sunrise - любоваться восходом солнца  
 2) узреть; заметить
- [bɪ'həʊld] *int* *учм.*  
 смотри!, вот!  
 behold the man - *булл.* се человек

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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**be·hold** [behold beholds beheld beholding] *BrE* [bɪ'həʊld] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [bɪ'hoʊld]  
<sup>u</sup> *verb* (be-held *BrE* [bɪ'held] <sup>u</sup> ; *NAmE* [bɪ'held] <sup>u</sup> , be-held) ~ **sb/sth** (old use or literary)

to look at or see sb/sth  
 • Her face was a joy to behold.  
 • They beheld a bright star shining in the sky.

**see** lo and behold **at** ↑lo

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	behold
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'həʊld/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'hoʊld/
he / she /it	beholds
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'həʊldz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'hoʊldz/
past simple, past participle	beheld
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'held/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'held/
-ing form	beholding
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'həʊldɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'hoʊldɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English bihaldan, from bi- 'thoroughly' + haldan 'to hold'. Parallel Germanic words have the sense 'maintain, retain'; the notion of 'looking' is found only in English.

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**be·hold** /bɪ'həʊld \$-'hoʊld/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **beheld**)

[transitive] *literary*

[Language: Old English; Origin: behealdan 'to keep, behold']  
 to see or to look at something – sometimes used humorously

**be a sight/joy/pleasure etc to behold**  
<sup>u</sup> The beauty of the garden was a pleasure to behold.

**—beholder** *noun* [countable]

⇒ **lo and behold** at ↑lo(2)

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 481 **32048**<sup>495</sup> *vvi*  
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