

HOPE

To want something to happen or be true, and believe it is possible.

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

“Have we got enough money for the rent?” “I don’t know. I hope so!”

One of these days I hope to write a book about my travels.

EXPECT

To believe that something will happen, for example, because it seems very likely, or because it has been planned to happen.

No one expected the President to resign.

He wasn’t as enthusiastic as I had expected him to be.

I had never been to a fortune-teller before and I didn’t know what to expect.

The roadworks are expected to be finished by May.

“He’ll lend you the money, won’t he?” “I expect so!”

WAIT

To wait to do something or wait for something to happen.

Hurry up, everyone’s waiting.

Wait here until I get back.

Jim was standing outside the supermarket, waiting for the bus.

All the people are waiting to see the manager.

LOOK FORWARD TO

To be excited and pleased about something that is going to happen. To anticipate.

I look forward to hearing from you.

My mother says she’s looking forward to meeting you.

I’m really looking forward to our holiday.

Exercises

1. We had to _____ over an hour for the bus.
2. I _____ you have a lovely birthday.
3. We _____ the guests at 8, but they arrived late.
4. It’ll be a fantastic event. I’m really _____ it.
5. It was great to see you and I _____ that we’ll meet again soon.
6. They’re _____ to be here at 7 p.m.
7. I can’t _____ to get to the party. I’m so excited!
8. Are you _____ to use the phone?
9. The film was much more interesting than we had _____ .

10. Sue was very cross because she had been _____ for him in the rain for a long time.