



# Hope

*Hope* is a concept that most students will be familiar, which will help them when they encounter the word in their readings. *Hope* may show up in texts in a variety of ways. For example, a character might hope to improve their situation or a hope to go on vacation.

*Hope* can be used as both a verb and a noun. When used as a verb, *hope* is the act of wanting something to happen and believing that it will. For example, perhaps a young boy hopes he will get ice cream for dessert. When used as a noun, *hope* can be used in two ways. First, *hope* can mean a feeling or sense that what is desired is possible. For example, a character might say, "It is my greatest hope that we achieve everlasting peace." Second, *hope* can symbolize a person or thing around which expectations are centered or an inspirational figure. For example, in desperate need of rain, a farmer might think, "A big storm is our last hope if we are to have a harvest."

## Follow up

- What's the difference between hope as a feeling and hope as a person or thing?
- When we hope for something, does it always happen?

## Spanish Connection

The word *hope* originates from the Old English *hoppian* and the Middle English *hopien* and *hopen*. Although the word itself doesn't have a Spanish cognate, several of its synonyms do. For example, *to assume* in Spanish is *asumir* and *to desire* is *desear*.

## Word Changes

*Hope* covers a wide ranging emotion from a desperate desire to a passing goal. This is evident in the many common phrases and idioms for *hope*. For example, when someone *hopes against hope* they know it is unlikely that their wish will come true. Someone who is said to be *full of hope*, is someone who is full of potential in reaching their goals.



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## Hope as in to want something to happen and believe that it will (v)

- wish
- dream
- expect
- assume
- cherish
- desire
- trust

## Hope as in the feeling that what is wanted could happen (n)

- confidence
- faith
- anticipation
- goal
- anticipation
- expectancy
- longing



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### COMMON PHRASES

- Hope for the best
- Last hope
- Inspire hope
- Full of hope
- While there is life, there is hope
- Hope to see you again
- Hope not
- Hope so
- Hope springs eternal
- Abandon all hope

### PROVERB

"Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper"  
 "Hope for the best, prepare for the worse"

### IDIOMS

- Against (all) hope
- Hope against hope

### SPANISH CONNECTIONS

- to assume / asumir
- to desire / desear
- confidence / la confianza
- to trust / confiar
- anticipation / la anticipación
- expectancy / la expectativa
- expectation / la expectación



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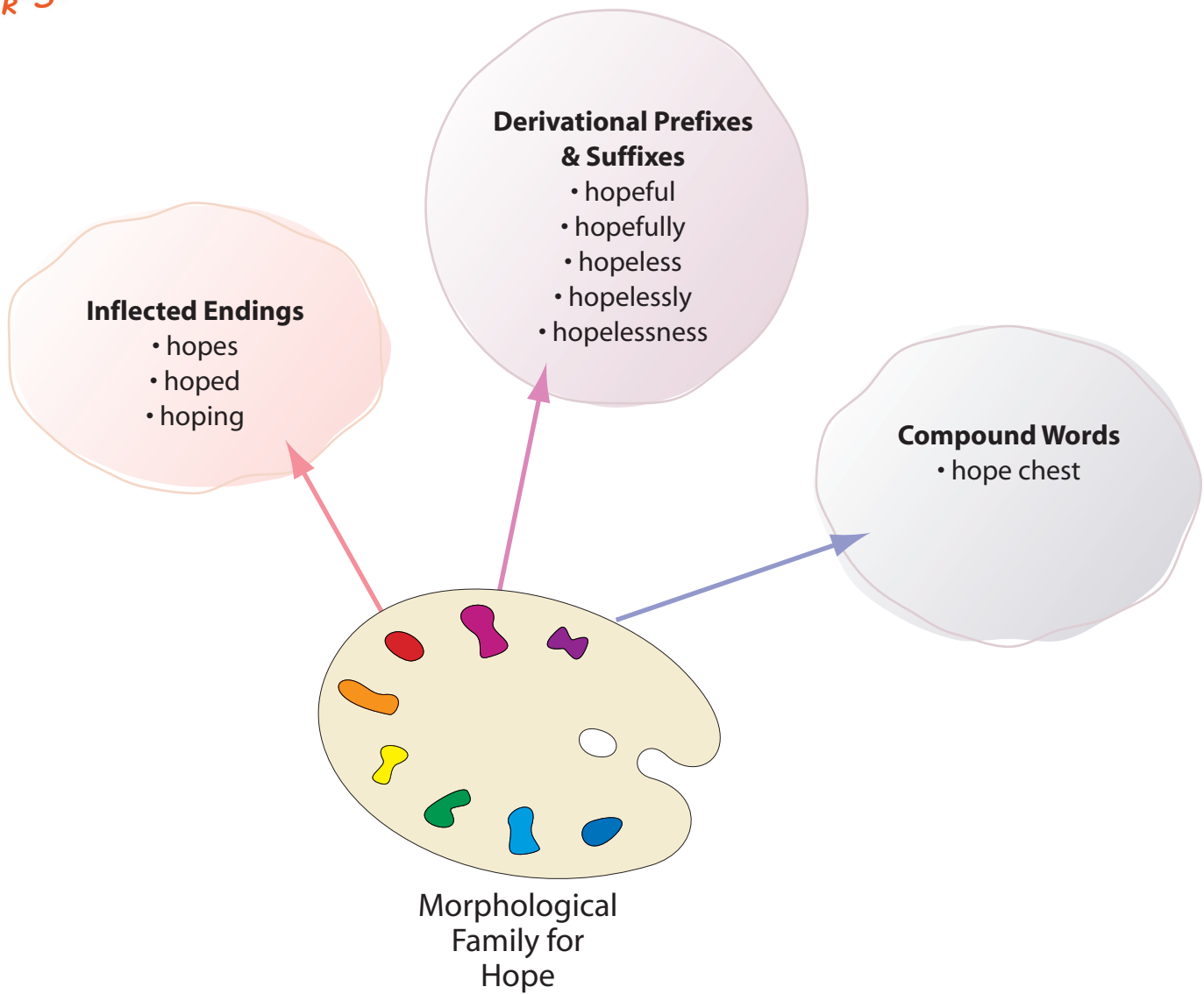
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