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 hopian 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.
Hope

**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

**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

**PROVERB**
"Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper"
“Hope for the best, prepare for the worse”

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

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

COMMON PHRASES

PROVERB

SPANISH CONNECTIONS

IDIOMS
Hope

Morphological Family for Hope

Inflected Endings
• hopes
• hoped
• hoping

Derivational Prefixes & Suffixes
• hopeful
• hopefully
• hopeless
• hopelessly
• hopelessness

Compound Words
• hope chest
Hope

Morphological Family for Hope

Inflected Endings

Derivational Prefixes & Suffixes

Compound Words

Super Synonym Sets for Stories

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