

HOPE

PHRASES



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raise someone's hopes
get/build someone's hopes up

get/raise one's hopes too high/too much :

make someone feel that what they want is likely to happen.

- I don't want to raise your hopes too much.
- Don't build/get your hopes up: it's highly unlikely that the boss will give you a pay rise.
- Don't raise/get your hopes too high, or you may be disappointed.

pin your hopes on sth :

to hope for one thing that everything else depends on.

- After a difficult year, the company is pinning its hopes on its new range of products.

hope against hope :

to cling to a mere possibility.

- They're just hoping against hope that she's still alive.

dash/shatter sb's hopes :

to make what someone wants seem impossible.

- The ending of the talks has dashed any hopes of peace.

I should/would hope so (too)

used for emphasizing that you feel it is right that something happened or will happen

- 'I'll pay all the money back.'
- 'I should hope so!'

give/offer hope :

to make sb think there is a solution

- The research has given hope to thousands of sufferers of the disease.

hope for the best:

to hope a bad situation will have the best result possible.

- I've repaired it as well as I can - we'll just have to hope for the best.

in the hope of something
in the hope that...

because you want something to happen

- I called early in the hope of catching her before she went to work.
- He asked her again in the vain hope that he could persuade her to come.

lose/give up/abandon hope :

stop hoping

- After so long without any word from David, Margaret was starting to lose hope.

hold out hope :

to say that you think sth is likely

- Negotiators did not hold out much hope of a peaceful solution.
- The report is supposed to be published next month.
- I don't hold out much hope though!

be beyond hope (of something):

to be in a situation where no improvement is possible.

- Some of the houses were beyond hope of repair.
- The doctor told us she was beyond hope.