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Hi! I'm Phil from BBC Learning English. Today, I'm going to tell you the difference between expect, wait and hope.

They all talk about things in the future, but they don't mean the same.

We use expect to say that we think something is likely. It's raining today, so I expect the traffic will be really bad.

When we talk about time passing, we don't use expect, we use wait. I'm waiting for the rain to stop.

When we talk about wanting something to happen, we don't use expect. We use hope. I hope it will be sunny tomorrow.

So just remember: You expect what's likely. Wait for things that take time. And hope for things that you want to happen.

I expect you knew that, but I hope you'll practise it. I'm waiting for you to start... go on!