

# Laugh & Learn

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## *Thought for Today*

**Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.  
--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

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## ***The Learn: The difference between Hope and Wish.***

### • **What do you wish for?**

- I wish I had a million dollars.
- I wish I was taller.
- I wish my grandparents lived in our town.
- I wish I hadn't eaten so much food.

### • **What do you hope for?**

- I hope for a good grade on this morning's test.
- I hope the company calls me for a second job interview.
- I hope we have an adventurous holiday in Italy.
- I hope this cold is finished and gone by the weekend.

Do you see or feel the difference between wish and hope?

**Wish** is most commonly used in imagined situations:

- I wish I had a dog. (I don't have a dog, but if I did, I would be happy.)
- I wish you were here. (Unfortunately, you're not, and I miss you.)

We use "wish" to say that something is NOT the way we want it to be.

Sometimes **wish** is used in greetings and expressions of goodwill:

- We wish you a Merry Christmas.
- They wished him Happy Birthday.
- Wish me luck.

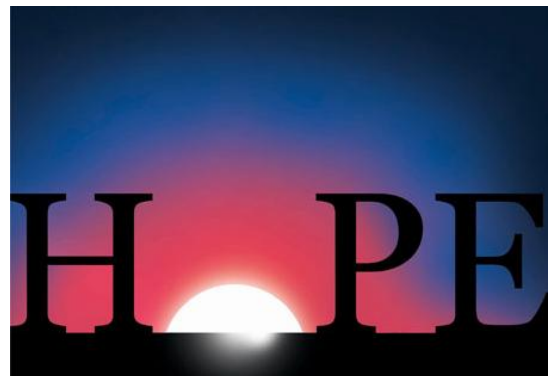
**"Hope"** is for something that is possible, or even probable. Hope is used to express something that realistically could happen in the future, or reasonably could have happened in the past, even if it didn't happen.

- I hope you can come to the party.
- I had hoped to see you at the party last week.
- I hope to get an A on the exam.
- I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow.
- He hopes to be elected President.
- She hoped you wouldn't find her.

Hope can be a confident and sure expectation of something we are waiting for.

- I hope to see you at school in the morning.
- We hope to have a great Prom dance and party.

**The highest kind of hope** is a spiritual expression similar to faith: "Let your unfaithful love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone." [David, Psalm 33:20-22]



**Contrary viewpoint.** "Hope is the only universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity." Robert G. Ingersoll, atheist philosopher

**Wish versus hope:**

- I wish for universal peace. I hope Suzy and Sam will reconcile when they meet tomorrow.
- I wish to be the friend of all Laugh and Learn readers. I hope that at English Camp I will develop friendships with some of you.
- I wish I knew Czech. I hope to learn more Czech this year.

## The Links

The world is talking about Susan Boyle...her wish is turning to hope...then maybe reality: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXX\\_gMFeWlc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXX_gMFeWlc)

## The Laugh



### Birthday Wish

A man asked his wife what she'd like for her birthday. "I'd love to be six again," she replied.

On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and off they went to a local theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear, everything there was!

Wow! Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park, her head dizzy and her stomach upside down. Right to a McDonald's Restaurant they went, where her husband ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, the latest Star Wars epic, a hot dog, popcorn, Pepsi, and M&Ms candy.

What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed. He leaned over and lovingly, asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being six again?"

One eye opened. "You idiot, I meant my dress size."

The moral of this story: Even when the man is listening, he's still going to get it wrong.



Corrie's Class at English Camp 2007



Greetings from Wisconsin! I'm Corrie and I will be teaching at English Camp this summer. This will be my second English Camp experience. I truly enjoyed the people, culture, and land when I visited in 2007 and am excited that God has provided another opportunity for me to come back. I'm anxious to meet everyone and while camp can be challenging (like trying to keep up with students half my age), I'm ready for the adventure. See you soon!

English Camp Web Site: <http://eclitomysl.cz/>

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