

Expect, hope and wait

The words expect, wait and hope have related meanings but they are not interchangeable. Can you use them correctly? Take a moment to do this exercise.

Complete the following sentences using expect, wait or hope.

1. We are for a lot of rain.

expecting

hoping

Either could be used here

2. We are rain soon.

expecting

hoping

waiting

3. I am still to hear from him.

expecting

waiting

hoping

All of the above

4. My sister is a baby.

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hoping

waiting

5. I her at six, but she didn't come.

waited

expected

hoped

6. I for her until eight.

hoped

waited

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7. We them to arrive in half an hour.

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8. She is quite old - I her to be

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younger.

hoped

waited

expected

9. We you can come and stay with us soon.

hope

expect

wait

Answers

1. We are hoping for a lot of rain.

2. We are expecting rain soon.

3. I am still waiting / expecting / hoping to hear from him.

4. My sister is expecting a baby.

5. I expected her at six, but she didn't come.

6. I waited for her until eight.

7. We expect them to arrive in half an hour.

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8. She is quite old - I expected her to be younger.

9. We hope you can come and stay with us soon.