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“Hoping” or “Expecting” something

Build/ Get someone's/ one's hopes up.

Raise someone's/ one's hopes.

Darle esperanzas / ilusiones a alguien - Hacerse ilusiones

jemandem Hoffnungen (auf etwas) machen / sich Hoffnungen machen

To become excited at the prospect of something good happening or to make someone expect something that they want even though you are not certain it will happen

Often used in the negative. •

- Our boss hasn't **built our hopes up** about the pay rise, but we're still hopeful.
- I don't want you to **raise your hopes**, but I think they want to hire you.
- I invited him to the party, but I'm not **getting my hopes up** about him showing up.

Count on something (happening).

Contar con algo / alguien - sich auf etwas/ jdn verlassen

to expect that something will happen.

- Although I wasn't **counting on** winning, I eventually did.
- We were not **counting on** him coming to the birthday party.
- You can't **count on** someone always being there to help you.

Bank on something (happening).

Contar con algo / alguien - sich auf etwas/ jdn verlassen

If you bank on something happening, you expect it to happen and rely on it happening.

- The government is **banking on** the technology to facilitate economic growth.
- “Do you think he'll win?” “I wouldn't **bank on** it.”
- You can **bank on** him always helping you when you need him.
- I was **banking on** being able to take some money out of an ATM at the airport.