count on

depend on

to depend on someone or expect sth:
- I'm counting on getting a pay rise next year.

count on someone for something
- You can always count on him for good advice.

count on someone doing something
- Few people can count on having a job for life.

count on someone to do something
- I can count on my parents to help me.

(humorous/ironic) used for saying that you know someone will behave in a particular way
- You can count on her to be late.

to hope or expect that something will happen or that somebody will do sth (often used with can/cannot/could/could not)
- She hadn't counted on it raining.
- I knew I could count on you to be on time.

to be influenced or determined by sth else
- Does the quality of teaching depend on class size?

depend on sb doing sth
- Our success depends on us doing our job efficiently.

to need the support of sb/sth:

depend on someone for something
- The young birds depend on their parents for food for several weeks.

depend on someone to do something
- The animals all depend on Mr Jackson to feed them.

to rely on sb/sth and be able to trust them (often used with can/cannot/could/could not)
- You can depend on us to carry out the work on time.
- I knew I could depend on you.

As if someone's life depended on it (phrase) : with as much effort as possible
- They went at the job as if their lives depended on it.

rely on

to need or depend on sb/sth

rely on sb for sth
- As babies, we rely entirely on others for food.
- She'd never wanted to rely on a man for money.

rely on sb/sth to do sth
- These days we rely heavily on computers to organize our work.

rely on sb/sth doing something
- The industry relies on the price of raw materials remaining low.

to trust or have faith in sb/sth (used especially with can/cannot/could/could not and should/should not)
- You **should** rely on your own judgement. / You **can** rely on me to keep your secret.
- British weather **can** never be relied on - it's always changing.