

# WAIT AWAIT EXPECT

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**WAIT** - we use wait when we refer to letting time pass because we are expecting that something is going to happen.

**+ for**

- I've been waiting for the bus for twenty minutes.

**wait for sb/sth to do sth**

- We're waiting for the rain to stop before we go out.
- He's waiting for me to make a mistake.

**+ to infinitive**

- Hurry up! We're waiting to go.

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**AWAIT** (formal) - To wait for or be waiting for something:

Await is a transitive verb and must have an object.

The object of 'await' is normally inanimate, not a person.

- He's anxiously awaiting his test results.
- Her latest novel is eagerly awaited.
- We are awaiting the committee's decision.

**something awaits someone to be going to happen to somebody**

- You never know what awaits you.
- Well, I wonder what surprises await us today.

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**EXPECT** - we use expect to say that we believe that something will happen

**+ to infinitive**

- When we went to Siberia we were expecting it to be cold.
- We expect to move into our new flat next week.
- Gosh, I didn't expect to see you here!

**+ that clause**

- We expected that the guest house would have much better rooms.

**+ object + to infinitive**

- Analysts expect the company to announce growth of at least 5 per cent.
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