hope

1 Verb + hope

Use the correct form of these verbs:

abandon	*cling to*
give	*raise*
hold out	*offer*
pin (hope) on	*have*

1. My strong belief in God ..... me hope during those difficult times and helped me to remain positive.
2. Rescuers have given up hope of finding any survivors. They have ..... all hope of finding anybody alive inside the collapsed building.
3. You shouldn't ..... all your hopes ..... getting this job. Apply for other positions as well.
4. With so many people wanting to see the concert, I don't ..... much hope of getting a ticket at this late stage.
5. Without work, most of these young people ..... no hope for the future.
6. The new information which has come in from tribesmen in the north of the country ..... hope that the hostages are still alive.
7. This new treatment for cancer ..... hope to thousands of patients worldwide. It's not a wonder-cure, but it is a step in the right direction.
8. My sister still ..... the hope that one day her long-lost son will walk through the door – even though she hasn't heard from him for over 20 years.

2 Destroying hopes

Match the two halves of these sentences:

1. Hopes of an economic recovery
2. I failed a vital exam so all my hopes of
3. A knee injury
4. Hopes of finding the missing child
5. Our hopes of holding the birthday party outside
6. Last night's defeat by Liverpool

a. *becoming a doctor were quashed.*
b. *are fading fast.*
c. *have been dashed by the sharp rise in the price of oil.*
d. *ended Arsenal's hopes of playing in Europe next season.*
e. *ruined my hopes of success in the tournament.*
f. *were defeated by the weather.*

Notice the verbs in colour.

3 Common adjective collocations

Use these adjectives to complete the sentences:

faint	*false*	*high*
new	*only*	*best*

1. She has ..... hopes for her children – one is planning to be a lawyer and the other a doctor.
2. All our hopes rest with you. Nobody else can help us. You're our ..... hope.
3. Scientists have developed a revolutionary drug which may give ..... hope to the millions of people who suffer from hay-fever.
4. Power-sharing between the two warring factions offers the country its ..... hope for a peaceful outcome.
5. Don't lose hope. There is still a ..... hope that he may recover from his injuries.
6. I don't want to raise any ..... hopes, but I do still believe your son is alive and well.

"This injury has ruined my hopes of playing in the final."



Notes

1. 'In the hope of' is a useful expression:
   I moved to London in the hope of finding work.
2. Note how we tell somebody to be realistic:
   Don't get your hopes up. There are 50 people after the same job!
3. 'Live in hope' means we are optimistic:
   Pete's 37 and not married yet, but we live in hope!
4. Note these expressions:
   There is little hope of any improvement.
   Our only hope was to get Lee to a hospital fast.
5. 'A glimmer of hope' is a small amount of hope:
   A liver transplant offers him a new glimmer of hope.
6. If something is 'beyond all hope', it won't improve:
   The political situation is now beyond all hope.

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