

Hope

Hope is related to optimism, but indirectly. If one is optimistic he is likely to see light at the end of the tunnel. Things will work out. Joe will learn to relax. It will be sunny next week.

Examples

1 I hope it will not rain again for a while. Last night I woke up to hear rain drops falling onto the carpet in the next room. It was a muted splash, but at once I knew there must be a leak. I looked at the ceiling of the room, and saw a brown crack transecting it. I hurried downstairs and emailed my roofer friend. Please come. The prediction of rain is 60% almost every day this week. I hoped that the rain would not fall again before Dan arrived.

2 I hope that when I die I will continue on a journey this life is and has been for me. I have only gut feeling evidence that this might be true. I am old and can feel that my life has proceeded in meaningful stages, like a drama. I am not sure why this drama would have been played out, were it not to lead to something. The catharsis which classical drama exercises on an audience is inherent to the drama itself. There is a cleansing inherent to a drama, and in the major religions a cleansing is generally a sign of getting ready to pass on into a new condition.