

### EXPECT and WAIT



Don't say: I'm waiting for a phone call from John at three o'clock.

**Say:** I'm **expecting** a phone call from John at three o'clock.  
Don't say: I hate expecting people to phone.

**Say:** I hate **waiting for** people to phone.

!We use **expect** when there is a good reason to think it will really happen. We use **wait (for)** when somebody or something is late, when one is early for something, or when one wants time to pass so that something will happen.

**I can't wait** often expresses impatience – nemůžu se dočkat

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS



**Towards the end** of a job interview, **the recruiter** asks a young engineer who has just **graduated from** university: „And what starting salary do you **expect**?” The engineer waits a minute and says: “Around \$125,000 a year would be fine, depending on the **benefit package**.” The recruiter says: “How about a package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 days of paid holidays, **full medical and dental**, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a **company car** leased every 2 years – say, a red Corvette?” The engineer **sits up straight** and says: „Wow! Are you kidding?” And the recruiter replies: „Yes, but you started it”.

### VOCABULARY BUILDING



**towards the end** – ke konci

**recruiter** – náborář, HR pracovník

**graduate from** – absolvovat (fakultu, univerzitu)

**expect** – očekávat

**benefit(s) package** – balíček benefitů

**full medical and dental** – celková zdravotní a zubní péče

**company car** – služební auto

**sit up straight** – posadit se zpříma

### QUIZ: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Complete the sentences with either **expect** or **wait (for)**:



1. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ her at ten, but she didn't turn up.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ her till eleven, and then went home.
4. Who are you \_\_\_\_\_ for?
5. Lucy's \_\_\_\_\_ a baby.

KEY: 1. wait for, 2. expected, 3. waited for, 4. waiting, 5. expecting