



PROM OR MORP

A

For some teens, the most important night of their lives is prom night, originally an American tradition, more and more teens in the UK now have from Paris to celebrate leaving school.

B

These events usually include making special food, having a DJ or live band or live band, dancing and setting off fireworks. Some schools work with others to hold

mega prom parties in hotels. Everybody dresses up for the occasion. The boys were formal evening suits with brightly colored ties and the girls were traditional evening dresses and beautiful jewelry. Students can spend weeks preparing for the parties and the cost to the school can be enormous. Hiring DJs, organizing food and reserving hotels can often cost a fortune.

C

Some teens rent limousines to take them to the party and enjoy acting like film stars arriving at the Oscars. In traditional prom parties there is usually a formal meal, speeches and ballroom dancing. It's a bit like a wedding - only everyone is younger.

D

Some parties can have different themes depending on tastes. Students might agree on organizing Roman theme, for example, or a 60s theme - students dress up in clothes from this period in time.

E

Then in the USA there are anti Proms called MORPs (that's PROM backwards). The kids organized themselves so the party is cheaper and more informal. These things don't agree with the amount of money spent on the preparations and lies will be seen as different. Without any adults to tell them when to stop, the kids party all night and carry on the next day. It can take a long time to recover from all the fun.

F

Not everyone looks forward to becoming an adult but at proms you can certainly celebrate it in style! Whether you enjoy going to a traditional prom or a morp, it doesn't matter - whatever you do, make sure you have a good time!

SKIMMING

1. Read the article. What's the difference between a prom and a morp?
2. Read the article again and match the headings (1-6) with the paragraphs (A-F). Drag and drop the headings.
 1. DIFFERENT THEMES
 2. AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH
 3. A GROWING TREND
 4. THE CHOICE IS YOURS
 5. ACTING LIKE CELEBRITIES
 6. COMPLEX PREPARATIONS

CONTEXT CLUES

Match words in the text with the next definitions.

1. Paragraph 2. (adjective) brilliant _____
2. Paragraph 2. (noun) personal ornaments, such as necklaces, rings, or bracelets: _____
3. Paragraph 4. (noun) a liking for something. _____
4. Paragraph 5. (adverb) with the back moving first or facing forward. _____

UNDERSTANDING DETAILS

Are these sentences true or false? correct the false sentences.

1. Prom night is still only celebrated in the USA.
2. You should dress up in special clothes to go to a conventional prom night.
3. Organizing prom nights can be very expensive.
4. Some parties have special themes.
5. Morp parties often finish early.
6. The writer thinks that proms are better than morps.