



# PROM OR MORP

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 prom parties to celebrate leaving school.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

## Explore verbs and prepositions.

A) Look at the highlighted verbs in the article. What prepositions follow them?

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| recover | work    | agree |
| arrive  | prepare | look  |

B) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs and the positions in exercise A.

- I'm looking \_\_\_\_\_ going on holiday this summer two points it will be really fun
- I always try to \_\_\_\_\_ my best friend when I have to do a school project.
- my friends can't \_\_\_\_\_ what film to see on Saturday night.
- it takes me a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ party they are so tiring.
- everyone was enjoying themselves when we \_\_\_\_\_ the party.
- Have you \_\_\_\_\_ the food \_\_\_\_\_ the party?

## Language focus GERUNDS (ING forms)

C) Complete the examples from the text. Then match the sentences (1 to 3) to the rules (A to C).

- Teens have prom parties to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ DJ's, organizing food and reserving hotels can often cause a fortune.
- Students might agree on \_\_\_\_\_ a Roman theme.

We use GERUNDS or ING forms

- as nouns.
- after prepositions
- After certain verbs and expressions for example *like, miss, and joy, imagine, practice Homer can stand, celebrate, be good bad at.*

D) Complete the sentences using the ING form of the verbs in the box.

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| Have | spend | meet | think | finish | shop | go | be |
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1. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ to parties but not late night ones.
2. I'm looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ my studies - I want to start work soon.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a teen is great fun - I don't want to become an adult yet
4. I don't believe in \_\_\_\_\_ lots of money on a party - you can have a good time in other ways.
5. I am not a big fan of parties, just \_\_\_\_\_ friends for a chat is great.
6. I like \_\_\_\_\_ for new clothes - it's part of getting ready for a party.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ birthday parties it's great until you get really old.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ about the future is something I do a lot.