



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 prom parties to celebrate leaving school.

B
These events usually include making special food, having a DJ 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 wear formal evening suits with brightly coloured ties and the girls wear traditional evening dresses and beautiful jewellery. Students can spend weeks **preparing** for the parties and the cost to the school can be enormous. Hiring DJs, organising 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 Different themes
Some parties can have different themes depending on tastes. Students might **agree** on organising a 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 organise it themselves so the party is cheaper and more informal. These teens don't agree with the amount of money spent on the preparations and like to 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!

1. Read the article and match the headings (1-6) with the paragraphs (A-F).

Different themes

An alternative approach

A growing trend

The choice is yours

Acting like celebrities

Complex preparations

2. Find word in the text to match these definitions:

- Tuxedo (par. B)
- Huge (par. B)
- Preferences (par. C)
- Quantity (par. E)
- Recuperate (par. E)
- Wait for something with excitement (par. F)

3. Are these sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- a. Prom night is still only celebrated in the USA.
- b. You should dress up in special clothes to go to a conventional prom night.
- c. Organising prom nights can be very expensive.
- d. Some parties have special themes.
- e. Morp parties often finish early.
- f. The writer thinks that proms are better than morps.