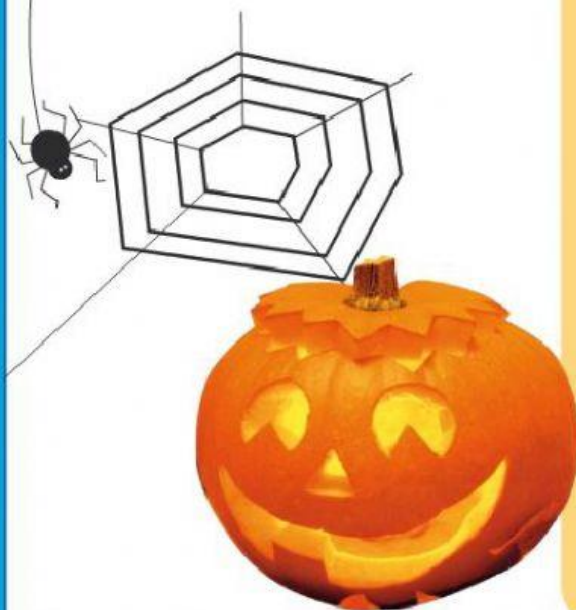




Model analysis

- 2 Read the composition and put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. **CHECK** ...



KEENE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

A The Keene Pumpkin Festival is a food festival which 1) **takes place** (take place) every year in Keene, New Hampshire, USA on a Saturday in mid to late October. During the festival, locals and visitors 2) **attempt** (attempt) to set the world record for collecting the largest number of lit pumpkin lanterns.

B When I 3) **arrive** (arrive) in Keene, invited by a friend of mine, I was impressed by the preparations. All the residents 4) **buy** (buy) big pumpkins and 5) **carve** (carve) faces in them. Then they 6) **put** (put) them on a huge stand in the town. They 7) **also/prepare** (also/prepare) all sorts of delicious pumpkin dishes for the festival.

C On the day of the festival, the streets were crowded with people. I 8) **take part** (take part) in a pie eating competition, but I couldn't eat much. Later, there were several live concerts where everyone 9) **dance** (dance) and had fun. The last event of the evening was the official pumpkin count. They 10) **light** (light) all the candles in the pumpkins and they 11) **look** (look) amazing. Then, there was a big fireworks display. It was awesome.

D At the end of the festival, everyone was thrilled! I 12) **have** (have) such a great time I was really sorry to go home. I can't wait for next year's festival!



- 4 Choose the word that does not collocate. ...

- 1 large – colourful – fancy **costumes** ...
- 2 live – fast – long **music** ...
- 3 street – surprise – warm **party** ...
- 4 enthusiastic – ready – lively **atmosphere** ...
- 5 romantic – modern – huge **dance** ...
- 6 strong – delicious – mouth-watering **food** ...
- 7 (be in a) good – bad – scary **mood** ...

STUDY SKILLS

Collocations

Collocations are two or more words that often go together. Learning to use them correctly makes you sound natural in English.

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Writing

A description of a celebration

- 5 a) Fill in the gaps in the paragraph with adjectives from the list. ...

sad

unforgettable

friendly

incredible

A

When the festival was over, I felt a bit

1) ... and I didn't want to go home. I had had a(n)

2) ... weekend, so at least I had my memories! Everyone

had been so 3) ...

and all the bands had been absolutely

4) ... I am already thinking about booking my ticket for next year!



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Writing

A description of a celebration

- 5 a) Fill in the gaps in the paragraph with adjectives from the list. ...

colourful

exciting

huge

live

yearly

B

The Festival of the Tartans

is a 1) ...

festival. Preparations start

two weeks before. People

make 2) ...

floats using streamers and thousands and

thousands of tissue flowers in preparation

for the 3) ... street parade.

People also prepare 4) ...

barbecue pits where they will cook chicken

and burgers for the hungry crowds. Volunteers

build a stage where performers will play

5) ... music late into the night.



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Writing

A description of a celebration

- 5 b) Which extract describes: ...

how a festival is celebrated annually

a festival the writer attended