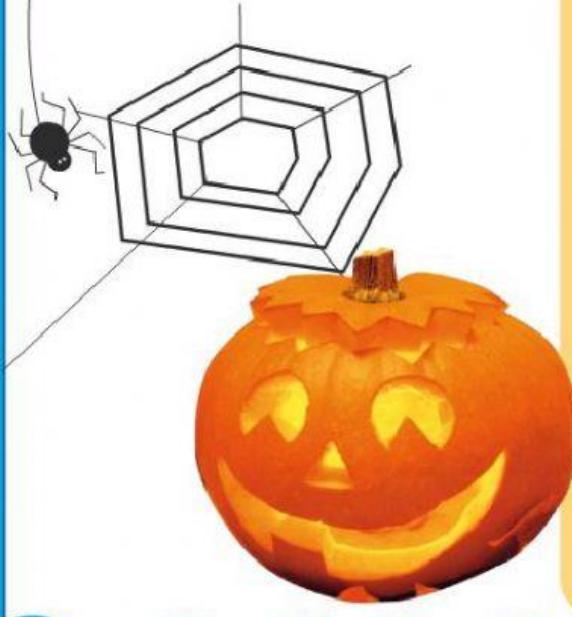




Model analysis

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) to set the world record for collecting the largest number of lit pumpkin lanterns.

B When I 3) [] (arrive) in Keene, invited by a friend of mine, I was impressed by the preparations. All the residents

4) [] (buy) big pumpkins and 5) [] (carve) faces in them. Then they 6) [] (put) them on a huge stand in the town. They 7) [] (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) in a pie eating competition, but I couldn't eat much. Later, there were several live concerts where everyone 9) [] (dance) and had fun. The last event of the evening was the official pumpkin count. They 10) [] (light) all the candles in the pumpkins and they 11) [] (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) 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.

4f 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!



4f 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) _____

exciting 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) _____

huge 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.



4f Writing

A description of a celebration

5 b) Which extract describes: ...

how a festival is celebrated annually

a festival the writer attended