

## Prom night in the U.S.

- 1 Look at the pictures. What sort of event do you think it is? Have you ever seen any American movies or TV shows where the characters go to this type of event?



### Step 1

- 2 042 Listen to a podcast about American proms. Put the questions into the correct order 1–6.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What if you don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend? | <input type="checkbox"/> What does "prom" mean?           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is the prom just an American tradition?           | <input type="checkbox"/> Who are the prom king and queen? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is going to prom like going on a date?            | <input type="checkbox"/> What happens before the prom?    |

- 3 042 Listen again. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones.

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| 1 The word <i>prom</i> comes from a type of a dance. <input type="checkbox"/>              | 4 You have to go to the prom as a couple. <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 2 Students come to the prom in different forms of transportation. <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 The teachers choose the prom king and queen. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 A "promposal" is when students get engaged at the prom. <input type="checkbox"/>         | 6 Other countries had proms before the U.S. <input type="checkbox"/>    |

### Step 2

- 4 043 Read the Listening strategy. Then listen to four teenagers talking about their prom dates. Match the people with the descriptions.

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| 1 Macey <input type="radio"/> | a is going to the prom with someone they're already dating. |
| 2 Tyler <input type="radio"/> | b is going to ask someone new to be their prom date.        |
| 3 Lily <input type="radio"/>  | c is going to the prom with a friend.                       |
| 4 Sam <input type="radio"/>   | d is going to the prom with a group of friends.             |

- 5 043 Listen again and answer the questions.

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| 1 How long has Macey been single?          | 4 How has Lily's school broken a prom tradition?           |
| 2 What is Tyler's relationship to Sarah?   | 5 How long has Sam been with his girlfriend?               |
| 3 Why are they going to the prom together? | 6 How is he going to ask her to the prom in a special way? |

### Listening strategy

#### Synonyms

Listening tasks often require you to listen for synonyms or words and phrases that express the same idea in a different way. For example, "going out with" and "dating." Before you listen, underline key words or phrases in the questions and try to think of different ways of saying them.

### Step 3

- 6 **Culture focus** In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

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| 1 Would you like to go to a prom? Why?/Why not?                      | 3 Do you like dressing formally for special occasions? |
| 2 Are there any similar celebrations that take place in your school? | 4 What is your favorite celebration? Why?              |

- 7 **Presentation** A "coming of age" ceremony is a tradition in many cultures that celebrates teenagers becoming adults. Research a coming of age ceremony and present your findings to the group.