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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article.
Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: We will be talking about Dollywood's Harvest Festival. This big festival is held each year and celebrates the fall season. Dollywood is a theme park in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and was opened in 1986 by Dolly Parton. Dolly Parton is an actor, author, songwriter, and country music singer. Dollywood is celebrating its 40th anniversary. The Harvest festival has fall flowers in the gardens and many pumpkins. Dollywood is surrounded by trees and mountains. The leaves change their colors in the fall to brown, yellow, orange, and red. The festival offers crafts and fall food to sell. You can buy food like pumpkin spice funnel cake, apple pie, and chili. The park has special events like the the Great Pumpkin LumiNights, where thousands of carved pumpkins are lit.

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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict!
(View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
park fun pumpkins fall music food	What happens during the Harvest Festival? What can you see during the Harvest Festival? Where is Dollywood? Where is the Great Smoky Mountains?	Nice work You're right Great answer Yee haw! Good answer, Pardna'! Right on	Tell me more What else? What is your favorite...? Let's see if you're right.

3

Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn about Dollywood's Harvest Festival? What do you know about Dolly Parton? What would you like to see if you went to the Harvest Festival? What food would you like to taste? What do you think it would be like to be in the Smoky Mountains area? What happens in the fall in Tennessee? What happens in the fall season where you live? What is the best pumpkin carving you ever saw? Why was it the best? What would you like to see carved into a pumpkin?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about Dollywood's Harvest Festival	What would	What did Dolly Parton do to make her so well known?
• in the (smoky) mountains • Celebrates fall with fun and pumpkins • People can buy crafts/art • see many pumpkin carvings/cut out	• want problems solved/solution • new inventions • company pays winner • more good work to help others • how to make better	• she is a singer • she is an actor • writes songs • she gives away books • writes books • helps others