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The joy of picnics

Years ago, **(0) back** in the days when I was just a kid, my family used to have Sunday picnics together in a **(1)**_____ part of the countryside. We would find a suitably quiet and pleasant **(2)**_____, then spend several hours chatting, eating and playing games in the **(3)**_____ air. Since then, though, my parents life has become so much busier and they never seem to have the time for **(4)**_____ family meals any more.

In my **(5)**_____ this is a great pity, so I've recently started to organise picnics of my **(6)**_____. I get in touch with some of my closest friends and first we **(7)**_____ on a suitable place to go. Then we talk about who'll bring which food. This **(8)**_____ that there will be a variety of tasty things to eat, particularly **(9)**_____ everyone makes the meals they do best. It's important, though, to keep the food simple, as everything has to **(10)**_____ into a backpack and then be carried across fields and up river valleys.

When we finally **(11)**_____ our destination, it's time to sit down, relax and enjoy each other's company. And I'm **(12)**_____ certain that food tastes far better on a picnic than anywhere else!

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| 1. | A. close | B. nearby | C. near | D. band |
| 2. | A. spot | B. point | C. tip | D. dot |
| 3. | A. free | B. empty | C. wide | D. open |
| 4. | A. outer | B. outdoor | C. outward | D. outgoing |
| 5. | A. view | B. regard | C. thought | D. belief |
| 6. | A. self | B. part | C. behalf | D. own |
| 7. | A. decide | B. determine | C. fix | D. arrange |
| 8. | A. assures | B. insures | C. ensures | D. secures |
| 9. | A. unless | B. so | C. if | D. though |
| 10. | A. fit | B. match | C. suit | D. join |
| 11. | A. arrive | B. get | C. achieve | D. reach |
| 12. | A. remarkably | B. absolutely | C. extremely | D. highly |