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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!

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