

# Reading 1 — A Picnic

During the June holidays, my class organized a picnic. We decided to go to Sentosa, one of Singapore's well-developed island resorts. Each student had to pay four dollars for transport. Also, every student taking part had to get a letter of consent from his or her parent.

The night before the trip, I packed everything that was needed into my backpack and went to bed early. I was filled with excitement at the thought of going for a picnic with my classmates.

On the day of the picnic, I woke up early and was pleased to see the sun shining brightly. After breakfast, I went to school without delay.

Punctually at nine o'clock, the school bus picked us up. We were soon on our way to VivoCity where we would board the Sentosa Express, a light rail system that provides an easy access to Sentosa. As it was a weekend, the island was crowded with merry picnickers and tourists. We walked to the stretch of beach fringing the lagoon. It was an ideal picnic spot. The cool, green atmosphere was most relaxing.

We spent the rest of the morning swimming and playing in the cool water. At noon, we decided to have lunch. We unpacked our picnic baskets and started eating.

The food disappeared very quickly. It was lovely sitting there on the sunny beach with the seawater lapping at our feet as we ate.

After lunch, we sang several songs and played some exciting games. All too soon, it was time to leave. We packed all the litter into paper bags, for we did not want to spoil the lovely beach.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, we left Sentosa by bus and were soon homeward bound.