

Food & Eating in the Park Workshop

English Language School



Tastes good & sharing with people — |SHARING|

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Thank You
Gracias
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Ta bluh doh mah
उगाडा यंनवाट
धन्यवाद

شكريه
له تاسو مننه
تشكر
شكرًا لك
谢谢

What Happened?

Hutt City Council talked to students from the English Language School in Avalon.

This document is about what the students feel is important for sharing a meal at the park.

We asked the students 4 questions. Students could draw or write their answers.

Questions

1. Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?
2. How would you like to cook food at the park?
3. What sort of seating and tables would you find useful?
4. Would you suggest anything else, for example, shade or shelter?

Who was there ?

At the workshop there were:

- 43 Students
- 3 (cute) children
- 4 teachers
- 3 community translators
- 5 Staff from Hutt City Council
- 60% of students were women

Students worked in language groups

There were:

- 12 Karen, Burmese speakers
- 12 Arabic speakers
- 2 Mandarin speakers
- 3 Hindi speakers
- 7 Dari/Pashto speakers
- 4 Spanish speakers

A good place to eat

1) Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?

Family, friends, community

2) How would you like to cook food at the park?

Rice, chicken, chapatis, biryani, drinks, vegetables

How: cook food at home, not bbq

This is what we learned from the students

family + friends

11 people — big groups

2 people family

— smaller groups

multicultural gatherings — Pakistan & Afghanistan

big for more people

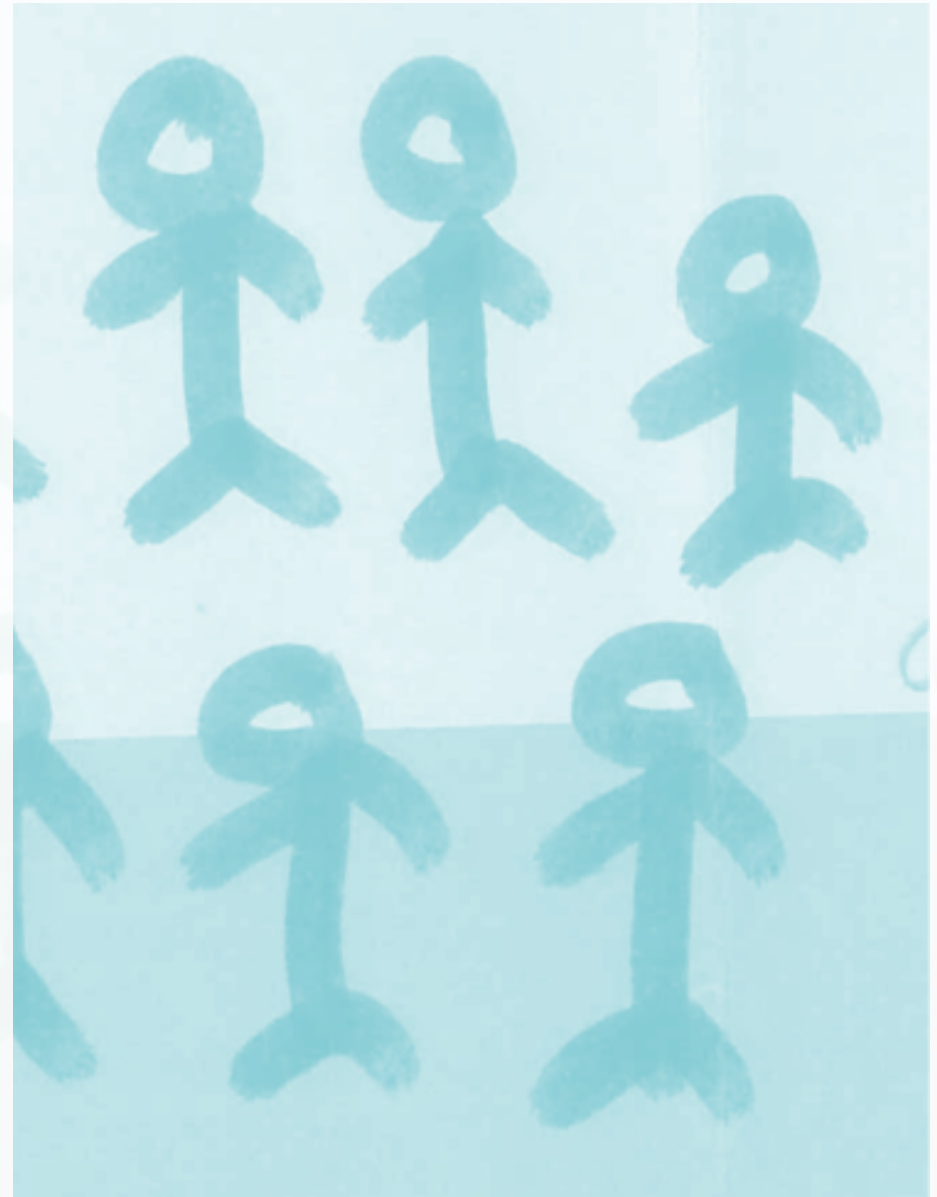


Who will come to the park?

Students would share a meal at the park with their family and friends.

The family gatherings of ELS students are big. Including:

- 10–50 people.
- Children, teenagers, adults and grandparents.
(Intergenerational families)



Sitting together

To eat with friends and family, students need:

- Areas for big groups
- Different types of tables and chairs
- Good shelter
- Seating that is easy for older people to use
- Playgrounds close by





Tables & Chairs

Some ideas for better tables and chairs were:

- 2 - 3 tables together for 1 big group
- 1 Long table with benches
- Seats on 4 sides of the table
- Raised platforms
- Good chairs for older people



Shelter

The park should have shelter.

The shelter should:

- Be big
- Have lights
- Protect from, sun, wind, rain

Shelter is important for older people.

Trees are also good types of shelter.

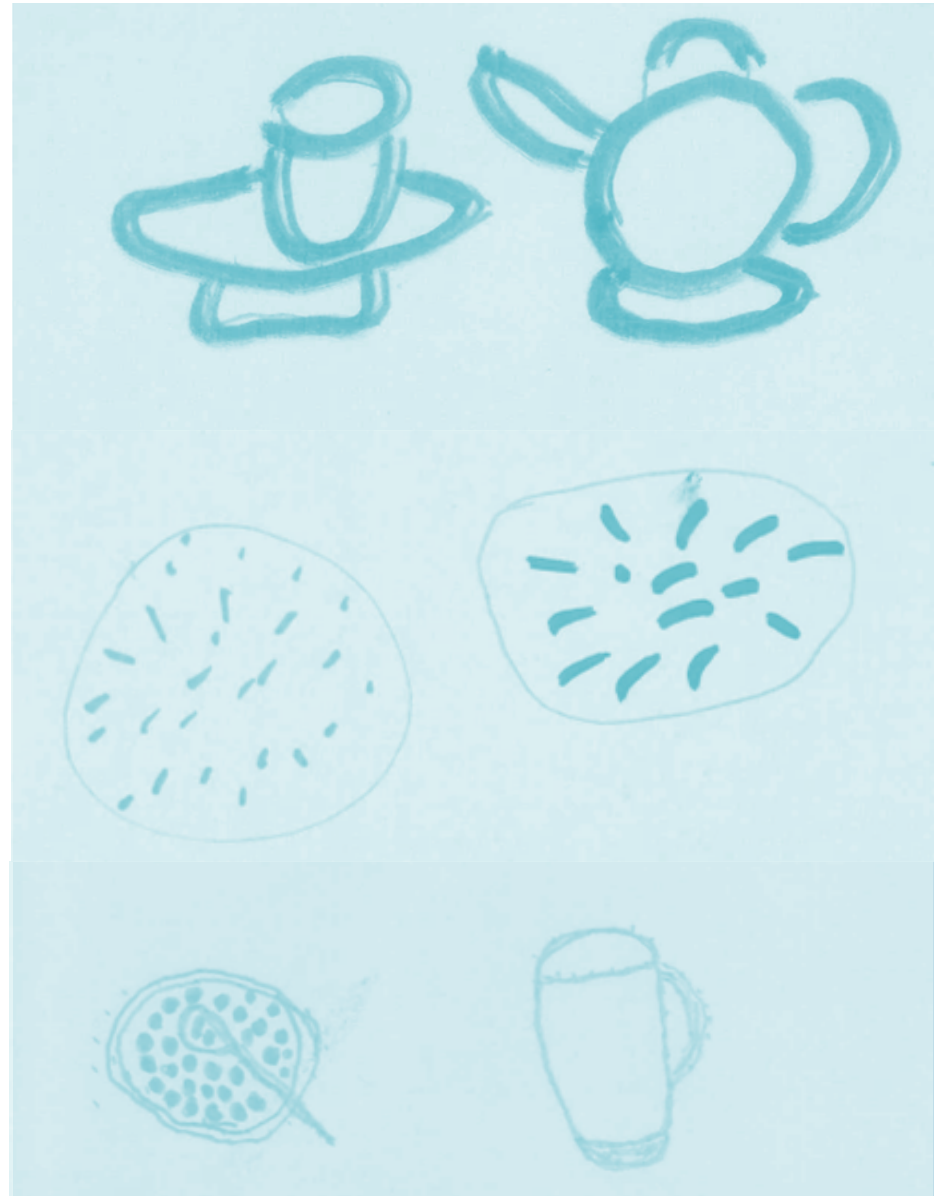


Eating Food

Most students bring food from their culture to eat at the park

Some other things that students eat at the park are:

- Rice
- Fresh bread
- Fruit
- BBQ meat
- Tea and soda



Preparing Food

Most students prepare and cook food at home first.

At the park, students need:

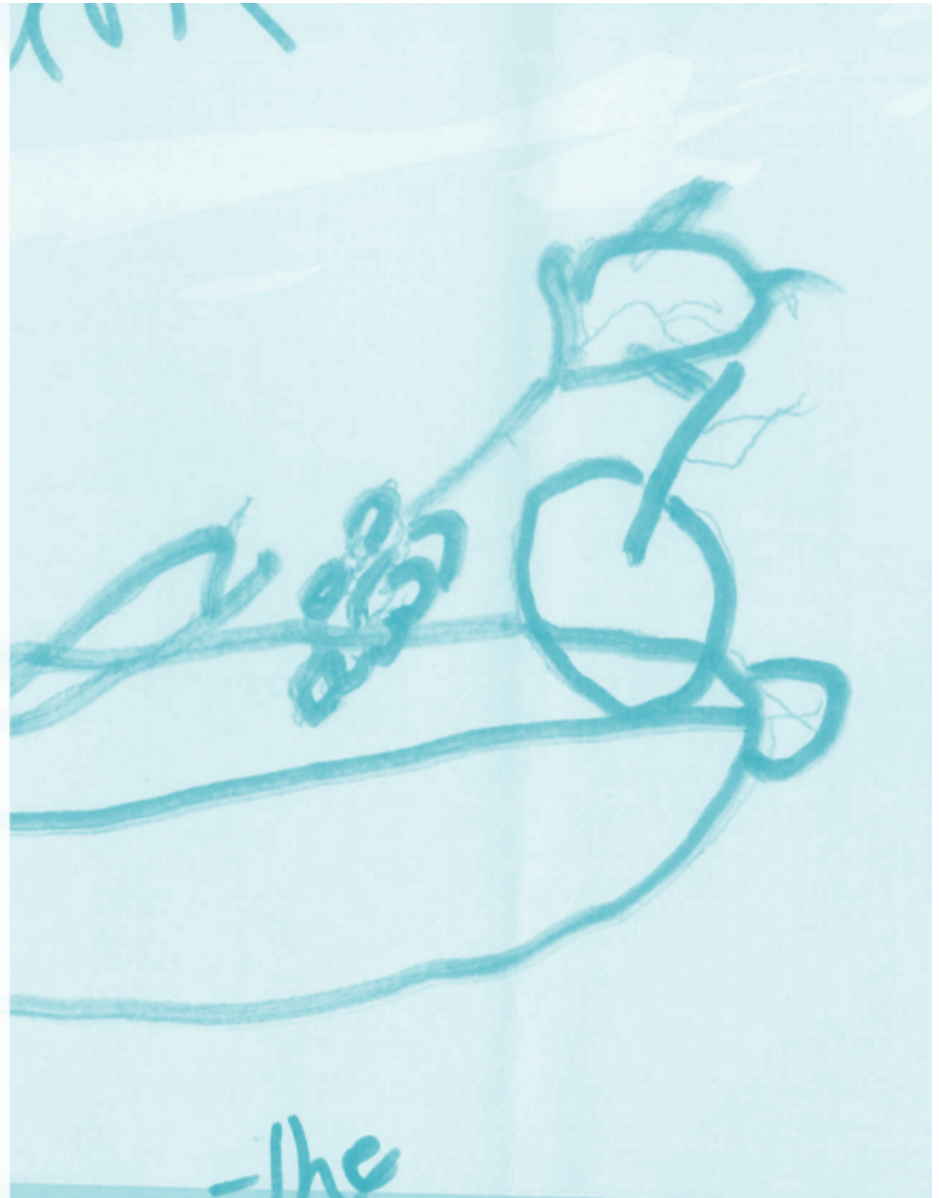
- A water tap for washing, not by the toilet.
- Somewhere to unpack and serve large amounts of food



Cooking Food

Students told us that they would like these things for cooking in the park:

- A charcoal or gas BBQ for cooking meat
- A stove top/ a way to heat food like rice or stews

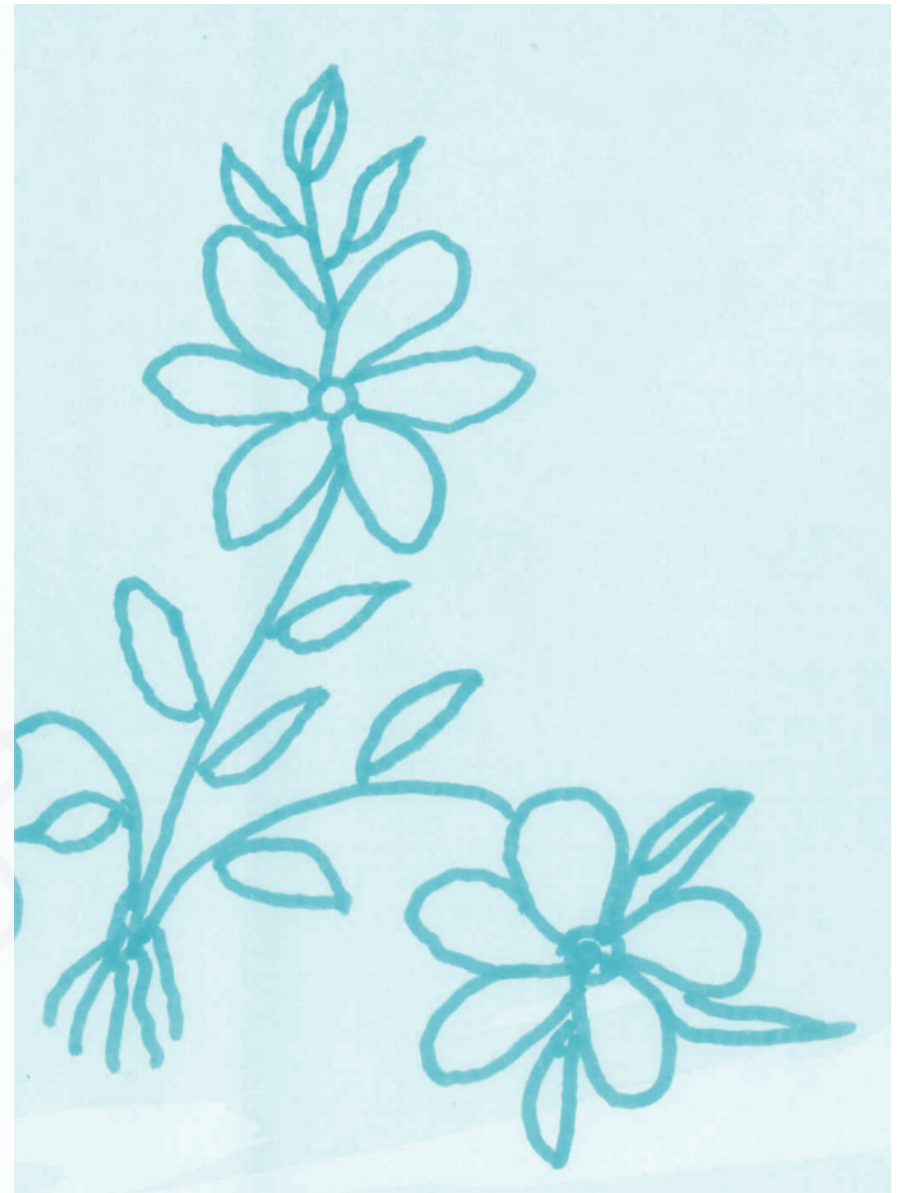


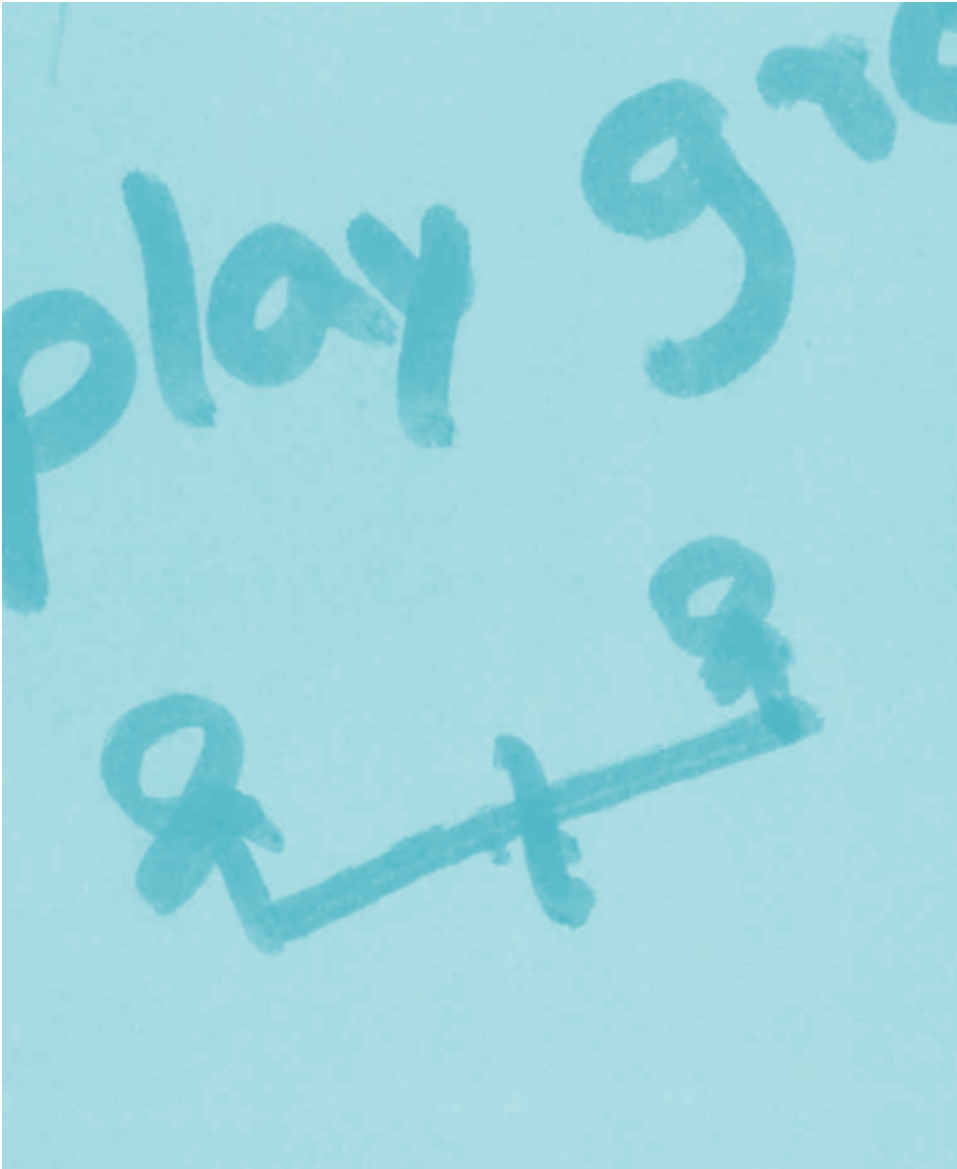
A nice view

Many students said they would like a nice view at the park.

They would like to:

- See the children playing while they eat
- Enjoy the flowers
- Enjoy the view
- Have seats with a view





Play

The students told us that playgrounds are very important.

Students would like:

- Playgrounds for children, teenagers and adults
- Basket/spider swings

Many students said, the line for the 1 swing at Avalon Park is too long. They would like 2 basket swings.



Teenagers

Students told us their teenagers don't like coming to the park. The teenagers say, "There is nothing to do at the park".

Students would like more activities for teenagers.

Including:

- Basketball courts
- Volleyball courts

Many students like to play volleyball as a family.

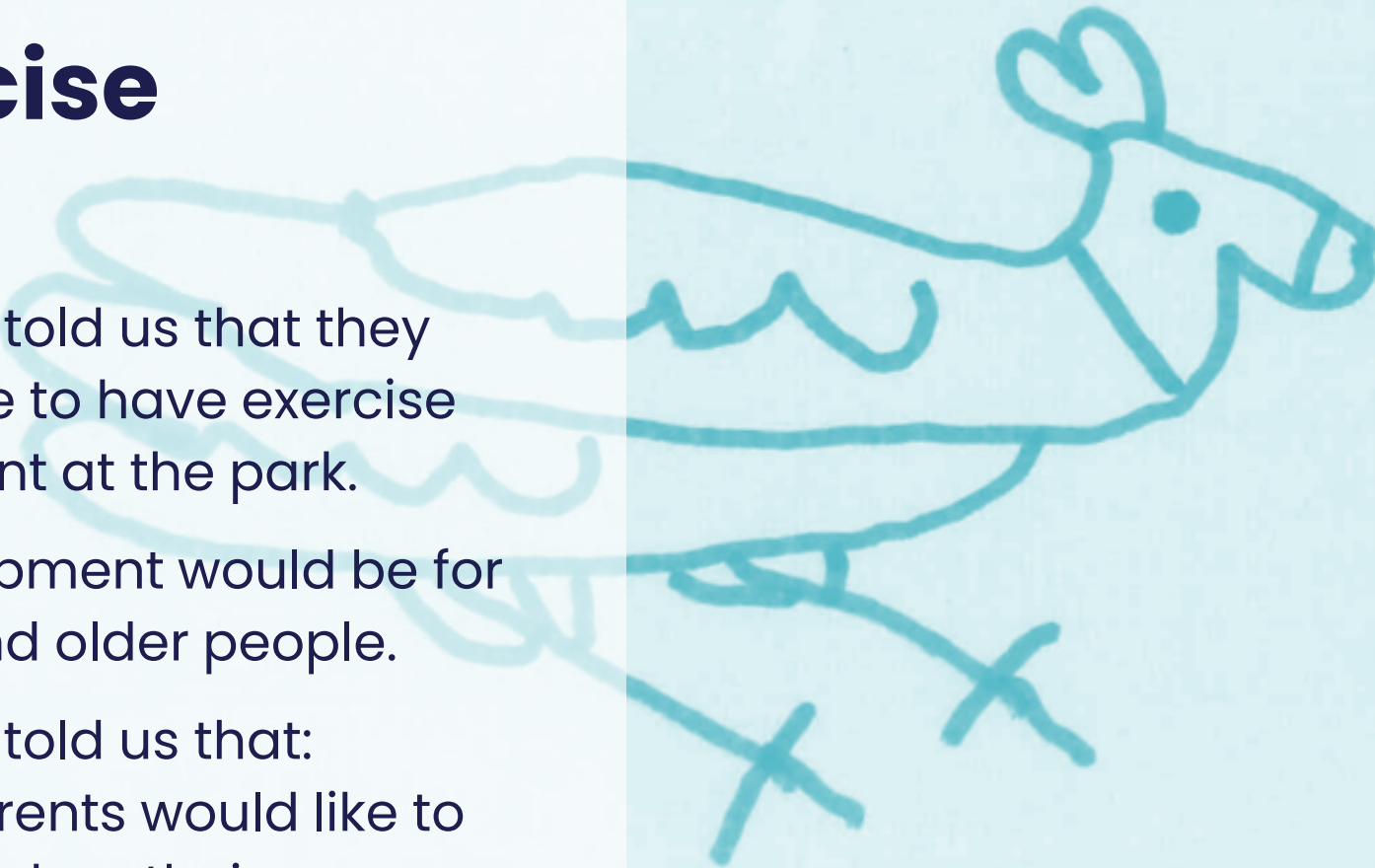


Exercise

Students told us that they would like to have exercise equipment at the park.

This equipment would be for adults and older people.

Students told us that:
Grandparents would like to exercise when their grandchildren played.



Other play ideas

Students would like more exciting things to do in parks.

Such as:

- Ferris wheels
- Carrousel
- Miniature trains that do not cost money.
- To feed the ducks



To care for and welcome all our communities

Design recommendations

The space should support

Groups of **10-50** people to eat communally.

Good shelter and lighting for evening gatherings.

Space to sit on the ground that is close to tables for serving food

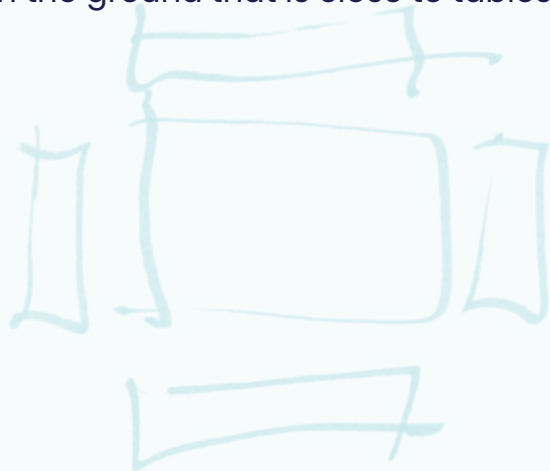


Table suggestions

Long or grouped tables and chairs that can be support one large gathering to interact

Raised, thermally insulated (e.g. wood) dining platforms with back support.

Accessible seating and shelter for older people.
i.e. high seats, back and arm rests



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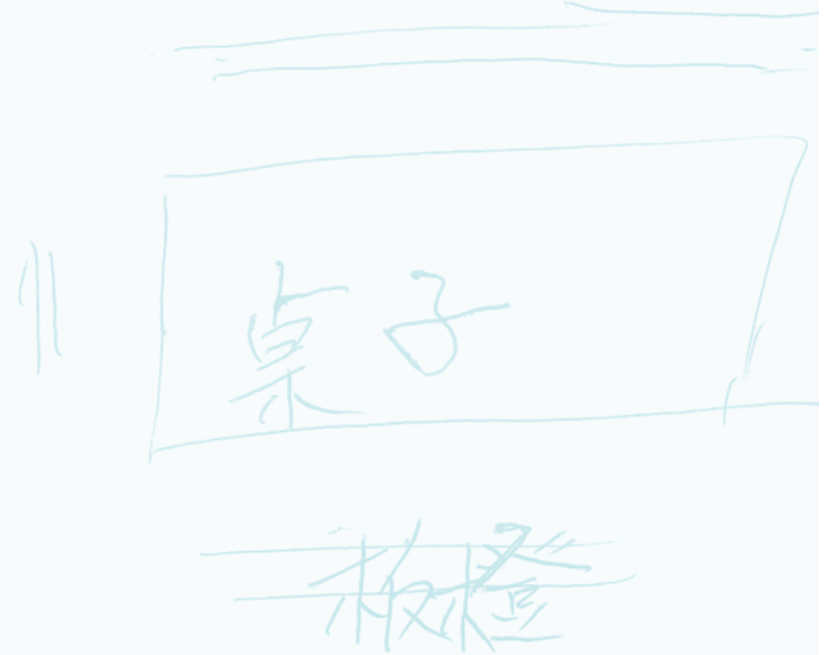
Cooking and prep facilities should include

A stove for pre-prepared food (e.g. rice)

Spaces for setting out and serving large dishes

A water source and a sink. If included, this *must* be separated from any toilet facilities.

As well as barbeque facilities.



Design Recommendations

Play

Play facilities are important for supporting large families to eat together. It would be recommended that play amenities should:

Priorities visibility of play equipment from food prep and eating spaces

Provide some multigenerational play opportunities

- At least one basket swing, with the preference being for more than one.
- Activities for teenagers and volleyball in particular.

Consider the suggestion by students for the park to have a more carnival like atmosphere.

Love park To have meal at



Appendix 1: Workshop papers



Dari & Pashto Table

A good place to eat

- 1) Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?

group of 50 people together.
in park

- 2) How would you like to cook food at the park?

BBQ, Ric, water. Bread.

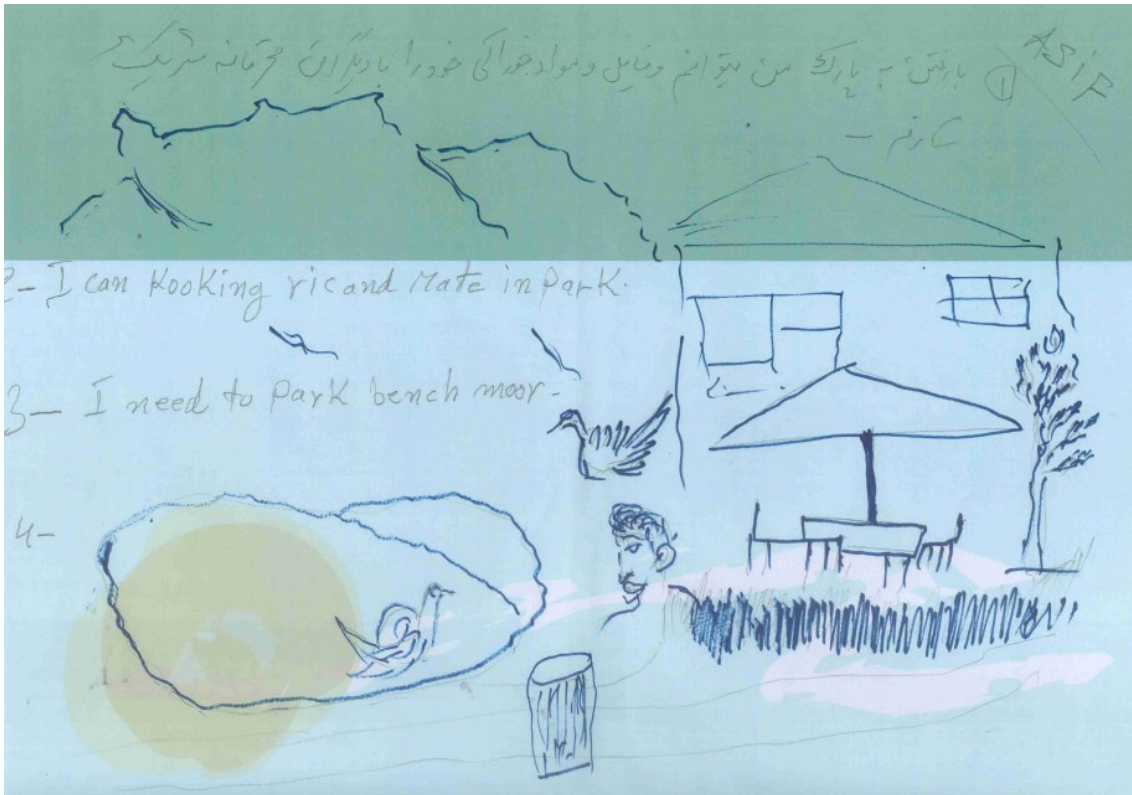
- 3) What sort of seating and tables would you find useful?

would like seating on ground. with mat.
chairs, tables.

- 4) Would you suggest anything else, for example, shade or shelter?

more chairs and tables shades, etc. Shelter.



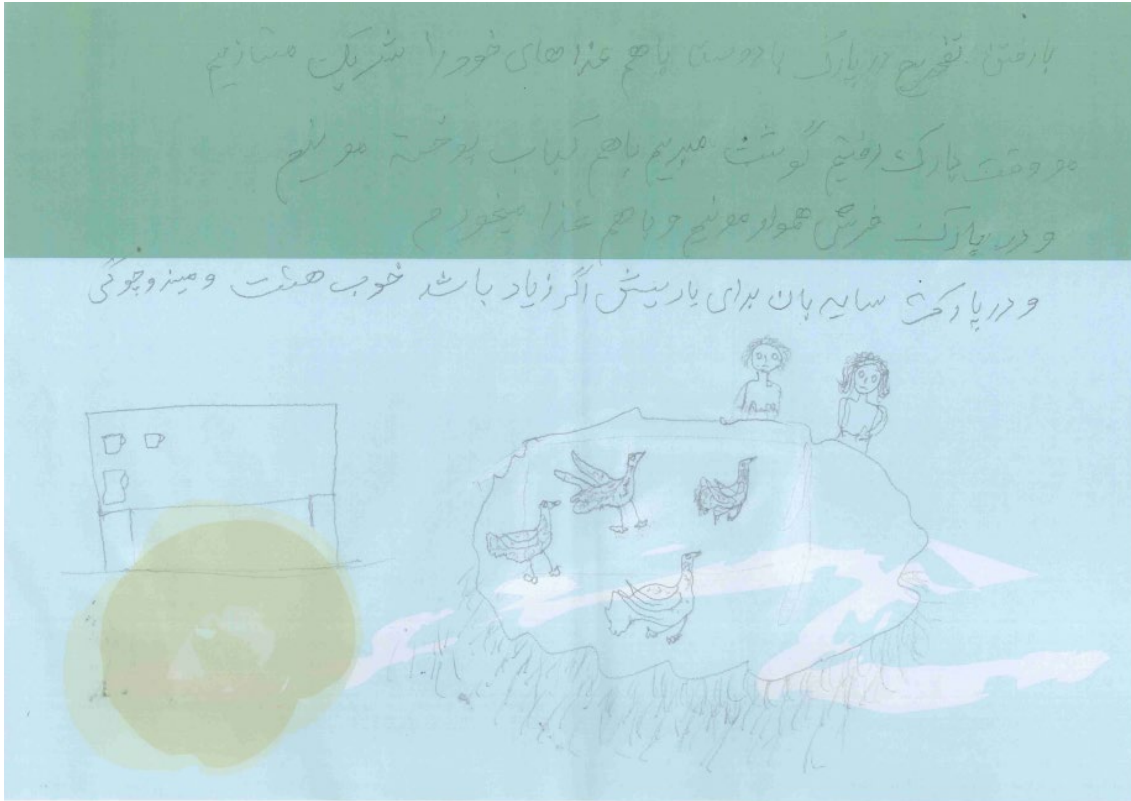


We usually cook kebabs (BBQ) when we go to the park with family and friends.

BBQ and rice are the two main dishes often served in the gatherings

[Unpacking what is said: Often rooms at homes in Aotearoa are small, and communities have big gatherings usually 50 +, therefore, in our community often parks are used to invite friends and community members.]





We usually sit on the floor,
and put our mat on the
floor, where we all sit
together

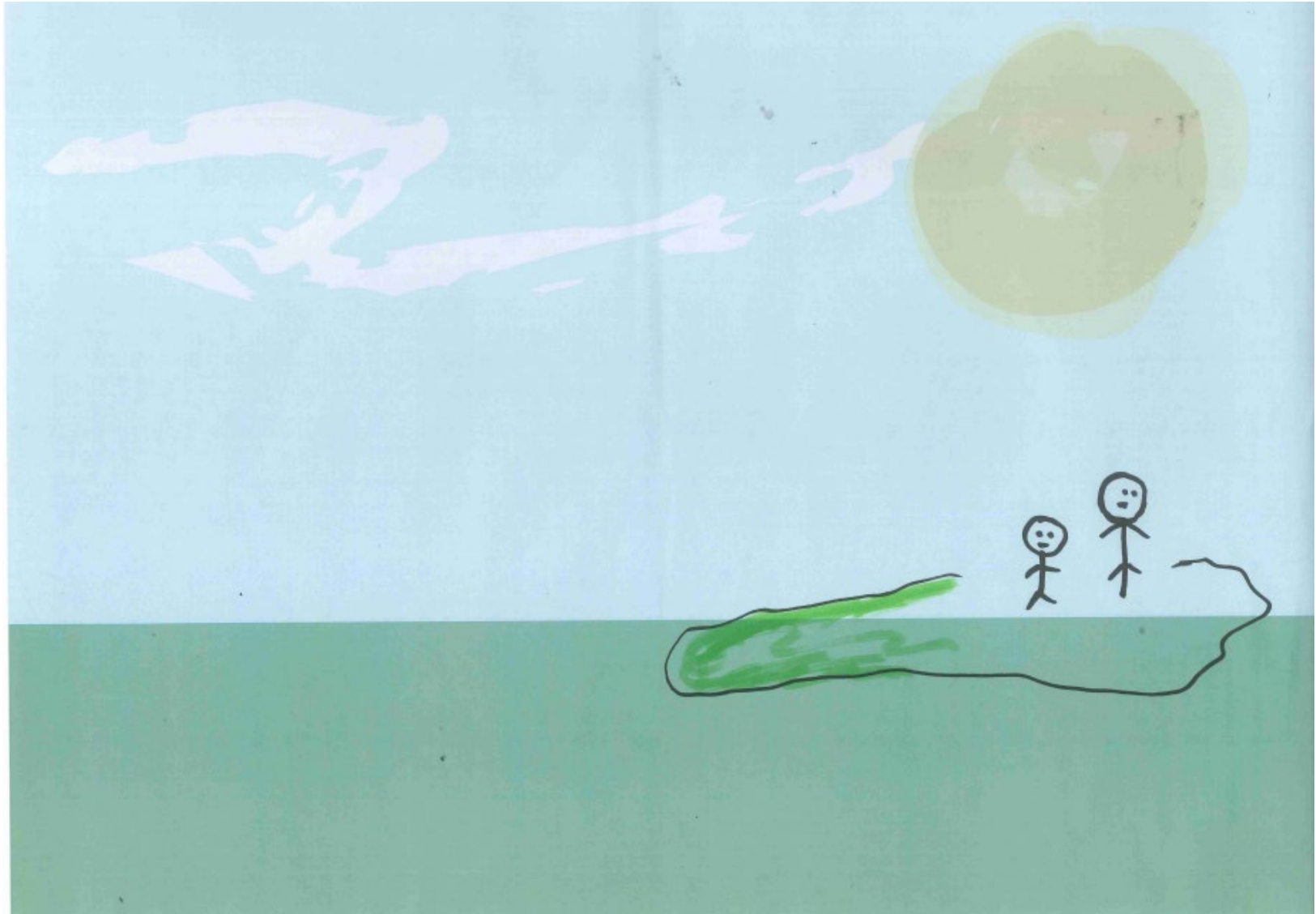
It would be great to have
more shelter in the park if it
rains, and for small
gatherings would be good
to have tables and chairs.

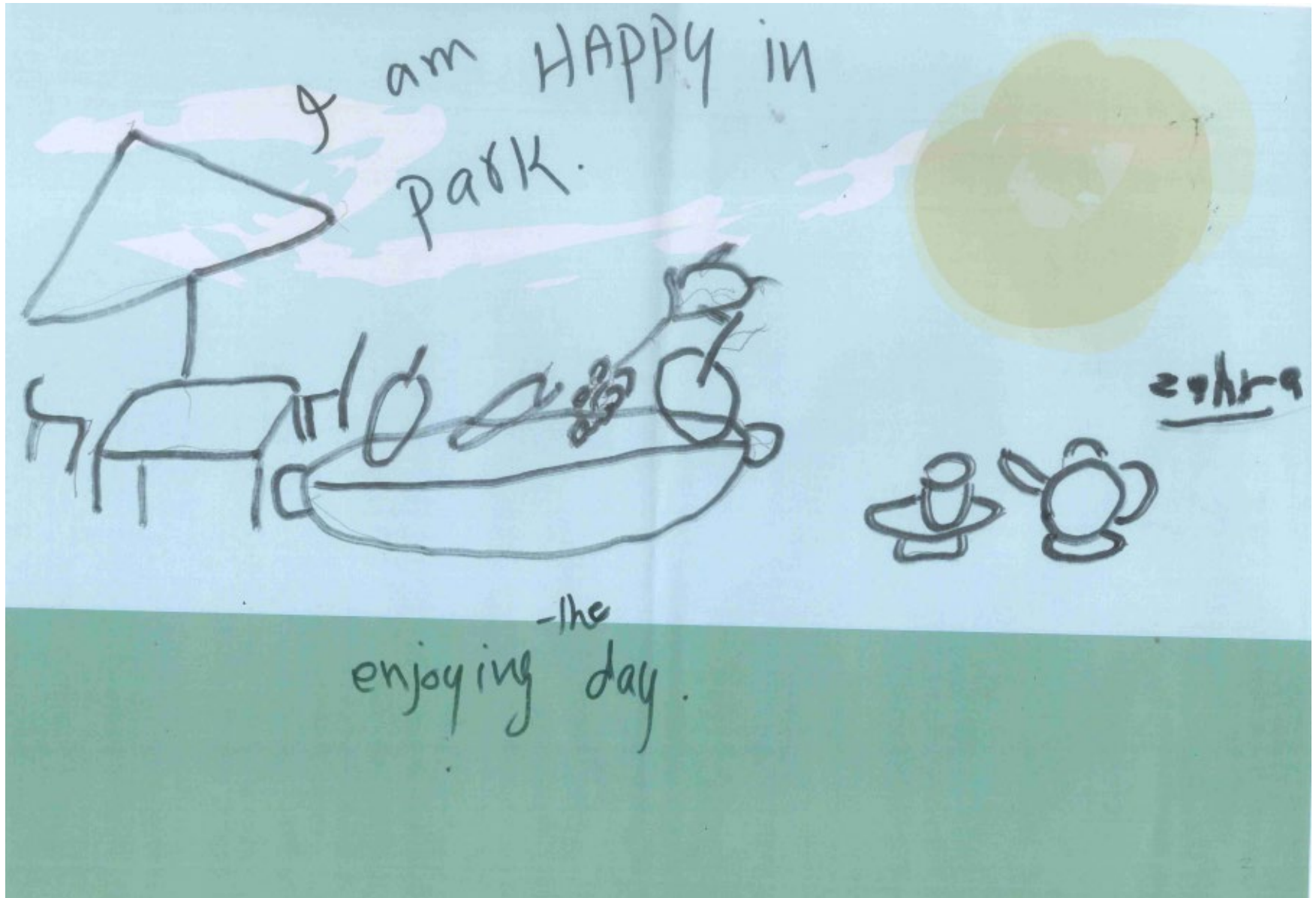
We share food with friends
when go to the park

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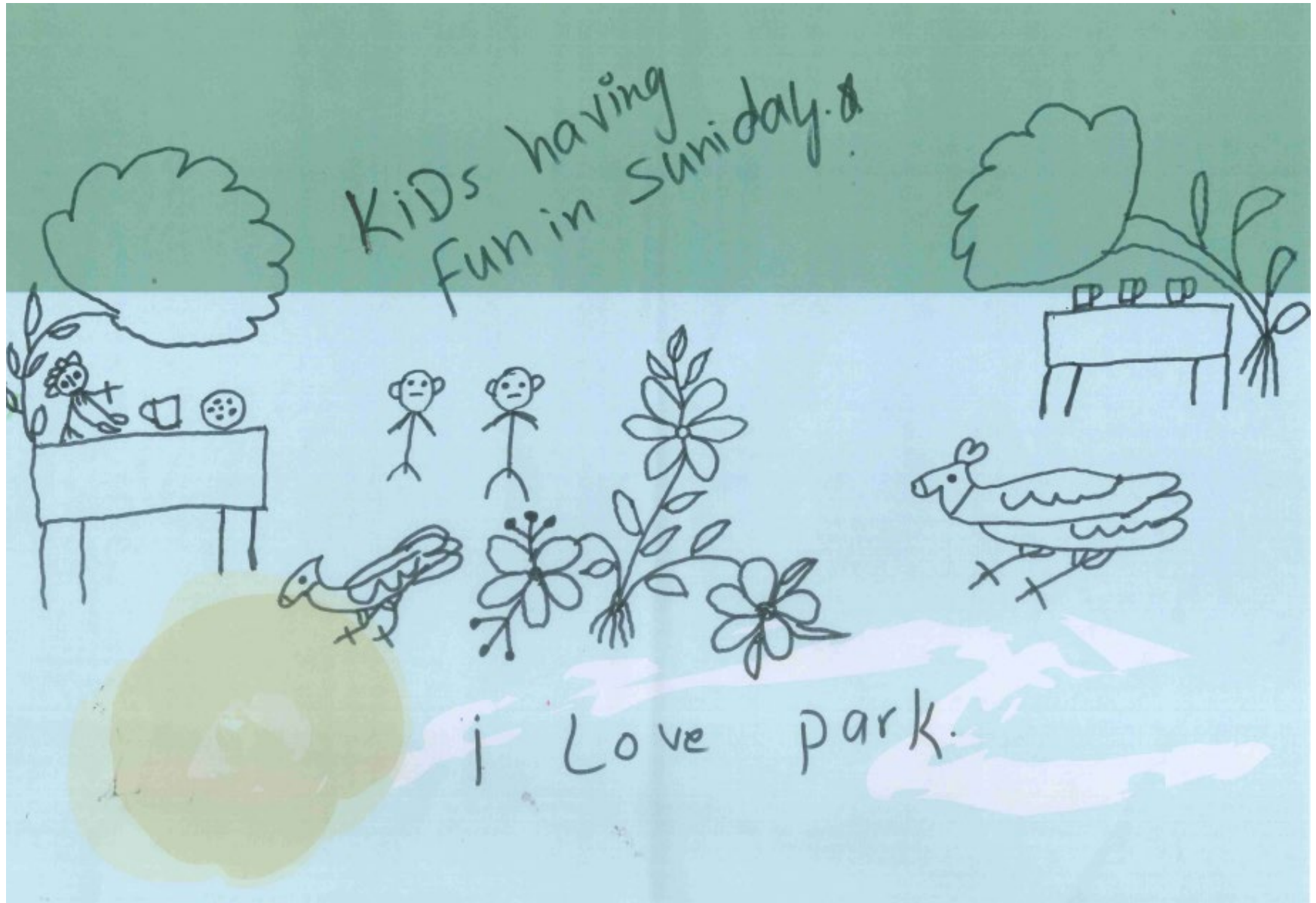
enjoy meal
in sunny











Arabic Language Table

+ ~~Special~~ Special place for elderly people.
+ Move light - solar system.

A good place to eat

1) Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?

family, friends 20 people or over not just 4 people.

2) How would you like to cook food at the park?


BBQ - fruit, our food.
must ~~learn~~ learn to take their food.
coal BBQ and stove to cook food.



3) What sort of seating and tables would you find useful?

ask for more picnic tables and ~~any~~
pairs close together,
mat. on the ground,
seats hard to get in. longer table.

4) Would you suggest anything else, for example, shade or shelter?

- shelter needs to be bigger
- if ~~there~~ it's possible there are taps beside the BBQ.
- Amusement Park 
- More swing, climbing for adults.
- Exercise equipment
- ~~If there is~~ May be install. train for children.





(Above) Additional image provided by students





Like this structure



Spanish Language Table

Spanish

1. estuvimos en el parque con amigos y tambie estuvimos con la profesoras

2. BBQ

3. nos sentamos en el piso y ~~comimos en mesa~~ necesitamos mesa y cillas *shelter from trees with some seating*

4. para ~~cubrirnos~~ del sol polisombra. Sombrilla. protegernos del viento *protection from sun*

5. para beber agua un termo una botella *Aboles*

+wind

1. We would go to the park with friends and with our teachers
3. We sit down together on the ground ~~and eat at tables~~. We need tables and chairs. Shelter from trees with some seating [would help] protect ourselves from the wind and sun.
4. [Also,] Umbrellas/ parasols to protect from the wind and sun.
5. [It would be great to have] water fountains to fill bottles and thermos'

Hindi/Punjabi Language Table

Group of 4 → their regular park is Avalon park.
 1 Myanmar → they like the swings & the dinosaur.
 2x Pakistan → trees + nature = important.
 1x India

A good place to eat

1) Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?

Family, friends, community

- sometimes the class, walk to the park, sometimes (1-3 times a year)
 - family & friends, sometimes picnic, sometimes play, big church groups

2) How would you like to cook food at the park?

Types of food: Rice, chicken, chapati, biryani, drinks, vegetables

How: cook food at home, not BBQ

- bring food from home

3) What sort of seating and tables would you find useful?

- Different seating, colourful, different levels.

- Views

- seating needs to be suitable for all age groups — ease of access.

4) Would you suggest anything else, for example, shade or shelter?

- Shelter is important. → open shelter, big shelters for many people.

- Big shelter for big groups.

- Drinking fountains: access to water needs to be good

- Benches

- Play ground close to food: keep an eye on the kids, close to parents.

→ swing & play far away from food.

→ big tables, park furniture
12 seats

→ family + friends

11 people — big groups

2 people family — smaller groups

multicultural gatherings — Pakistan & Afghanistan



big for nature people

→ Ponds: water, ducks are interesting & beautiful.

→ connection to nature.
are for kids too.



↳ bigous



↳ different, colours.



✓ the buildings are very nice.



✓ Homeo pretty, sitting on the ground.





Traditional Pakistani food



✓ Fresh green lawn makes picnic a lot more enjoyable. -big area to picnic.



✓ The views are nice.



✓ Reminds her of Pakistan.



Karen/ Burmese Language Table

Karen (Myanmar)

A good place to eat

1) Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?

At least 10 people. (Family, ^{classmate.} and friends)

2) How would you like to cook food at the park?

We cook from home.

Sometimes we would like to have barbeque. - for the

3) What sort of seating and tables would you find useful?

tables and long seat.

seats -) sit on the ground.

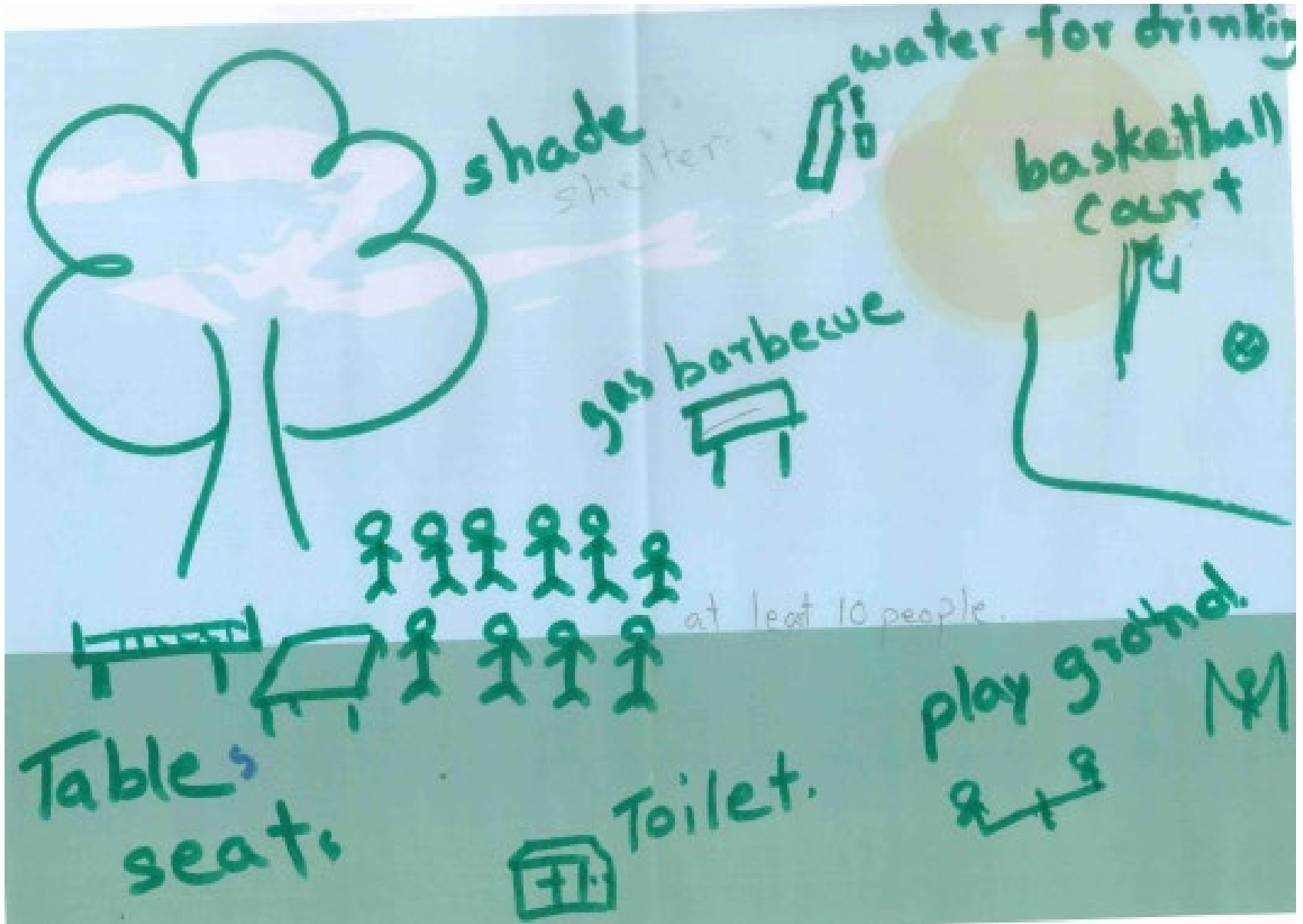
4) Would you suggest anything else, for example, shade or shelter?

1. Shade ^{ex} From tree. is enough.

2. Basketball court for growing up kids.
volleyball - family games







Chinese Language Table

A good place to eat

- 1) Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?
我通常跟家人一起去公园 和朋友一起去吃饭。
- 2) How would you like to cook food at the park?
喜欢自带一点食物也在公园BBQ
- 3) What sort of seating and tables would you find useful?
喜欢公园的长板凳和长桌椅
- 4) Would you suggest anything else, for example, shade or shelter?
喜欢遮阳棚和遮阳棚。

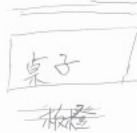


老人有绿道走和有遮阳棚休息。

建议：有孩子玩耍的地方和器材。
同时旁边要有老人健身器材、成人健身器材。
满足成年人或老人带孩子的，同时自己也能健身。

Many Chinese grandparents in NZ look after their grandkids. It'd be great to have a kids playground area side by side with a place/equipment for the grandparents.

The parks in China are like this.



A good place to eat

- 1) Who do you meet in the park to share a meal with?
我经常跟家人一起去公园, 和朋友一起去吃饭。
- 2) How would you like to cook food at the park?
喜欢自带一点食物, 也在公园 BBQ
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喜欢遮阳雨棚和遮阳棚。

1. We always go to the park with friends to eat
2. We would bring our own food to the park and sometimes use the park BBQ
3. We would love long benches and long tables
4. We would want there to be shelter, especially from UV

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能健身。

Table

Benches



I like that New Zealand parks have a lot of space for children. Also, room for the elderly to walk and do activities that they enjoy. The elderly have shelter to rest. If the park is for children, they need to have space to play and a playground. There should be physical exercise for adults in general. Having exercise equipment for grandparents to use when they take their grandchildren to the park would be great too.

Note: Many Chinese grandparents are the primary caregiver for young children.

Also, traditional Chinese tables are round making for a more collective eating experience