The old tradition of a family having a meal together is disappearing. Why do you think is this happening?

How does it affect individuals and the community?

In the past, all members of a family have had to be present on at the supper table and it was a symbol of a bonded family. However, today it would be odd to see a family having a plan for eating together and except some special occasions like holidays, they eat out or alone. This essay briefly investigates briefly in its reasons and effects on our life.

Primarily, we are too busy these days and the pace of life is sadly faster than <u>in</u> the past. Most family members have to work until <u>the</u> late night and not only do <u>not</u> they <u>not</u> gather for lunch but also for dinner. Moreover, heav<u>il</u>y relaying on ready services makes us <u>so_too</u> lazy and nowadays even in weekends families prefer to order meals from caterers or eat out. Also modern life problems like heavy traffics sap our strength and having no energy to cook in <u>the</u> kitchen and set the dinner table, family members <u>are too exhausted</u> when <u>they</u> come back home, so everyone knows that they should eat something out.

Family dinners have many benefits for its memberspeople especially children and whenever we break with itthem, we may lose all of them. Research shows that eating together strengthens family bonds and notably for kids. It will improve the sense of intimacy between parents and children, they learn to talk with each other, and therefore it will likely reduce the rate of addictions and violent behaviour in adolescence. In addition, when we have a regular plan to having have meals together in at home, it probably reduces the numbers of time we eat fast foods and it would affect our health. Lastly, having family meals together can save money. A siample estimate finds that preparing foods and meals in at home for a family is cheaper than eating out individually and gradually results in huge amounts of saving.

In conclusion, although it seems that we can put the blame on modern lifestyle in this case, benefits of this old custom are absolutely essential <u>so</u> that we should find a new way to make balance between our outdoor activities and family eating gathering.