



## I spy with my little eye...

Some games to be done on a journey

Holidays are a perfect moment to have the car ready for a family journey! But whenever we travel with kids, there are some typical questions around us: "Mum, are we arriving?" or "Daddy, no more!"

It's very important to plan what to do with kids when traveling with them. I'm sure these games below will help you a lot. They can be put in practice in whatever transport, car, bus, train. Some of them are even good for journeys by plane.

Surprises ready, steady, go!

### A) Listening and Speaking games:

All these games will help our kids to develop oral skills, and they will improve their cognitive development too.

#### 1- The Animal Cloud

If the weather is cloudy, you are lucky because you can play this game with your kids. Ask them to imagine animals so as they can tell you their names in English.

#### 2- Let me guess your song!

It is important that two people be in the front side of the car because the driver must drive securely without any distractions.

Mum can drive and dad can plan some games with the kids, or vice-versa. That's the idea: to make the family play together and enjoy the journey!

So, somebody thinks about a song and the others try to guess. The song must be initially hummed. If someone knows the song, he tries to hum it and sing it. The person who guesses the song, then, about another one and restarts the game.

#### 3- I spy with my little eye...

This is a traditional game that can be played during our journey.

As our children are younger than 6, it would be a good idea to play this game using colours or adjectives instead of saying vowels or consonants.

For example: "I spy with my little eye, something... red" or "I spy with my little eye, something big". Then the same person who has said the sentence asks: "What is it?". The other kids must guess the object.

### 4- Rock, paper, scissors!

Two people are required for this game. Each person hides one hand behind their back and makes the shape of the rock, paper or scissors, when outstretching and showing the shape of their hands.

They must do it at the same time after counting to three out loud.

Winners are like this:

-Rock beats scissors because it breaks and bunts them.

-Paper beats rock because it wraps it.

-Scissors beat paper because they cut it. You can repeat this action until someone has won five times.

### B) Counting Games:

As kids from 3 to 5 are still learning numbers, we have to focus our games in attention activities and revising activities about numbers from 1 to 10 as well as basic vocabulary.

#### 5- The Numbers Hunting:

Each player looks through the window of the car. Then, someone says: "Get kids! You will have a minute to look around and count whatever they see: windows, trees, wheels, road signs, and so on. They should decide what to count before starting the game. The winner will be the first person to reach 10 figures. You'll have incredible lessons with these ideas I suggest you should do."

ideas I suggest you should do:

#### 6- City Car!

Kids choose cars of different colours to count, such as green, white or black ones. Mum or kids shout Go! And they have to count the cars chosen before. The first one to see ten is the winner!

### C) Drawing Games:

Children love scribbling and drawing, so why not doing so on our journeys? They will allow them to spread their imagination and discover their writing skills as well.

#### 7- There's a Monster in my Car!

Kids draw a sloppy shape on a piece of paper. It will be the monster's head.

Someone else can add other details, such as the eyes, teeth, ears, hair, mouth, and so on. It consists of drawing a monster in a collaborative way, and at the end, kids will have their own monster in the car.

As you can see, games are an important part in the children's development because they allow them to improve different skills.

So... let's go and Happy Summer! See you again in September!

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