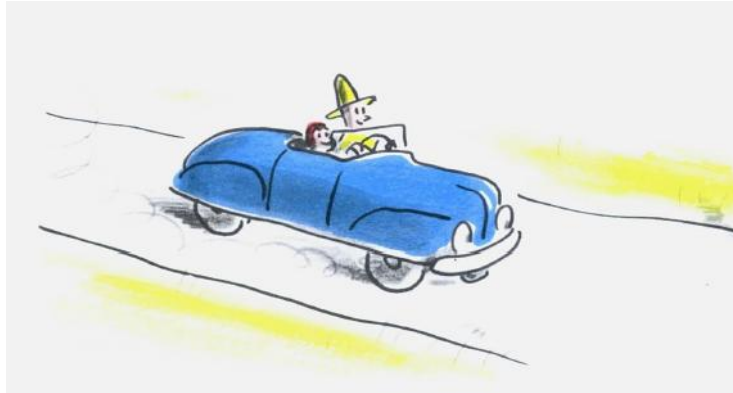


Shape & Color Car Fun!



The time spent in the car with your child can be time well spent with a variety of games focused on shapes and color. Parents have been inventing similar travel games for years. Your travel route will likely offer many possibilities for your child, but you may have to adjust your searches depending on your surroundings.

The goal is to engage your child in an active search for particular shapes and/or colors. If desired, a score can be kept. The possible shapes that can be found are many:

- squares and rectangles of street signs, windows, and the basic shapes of buildings and houses
- circles in street signs, lights, or landforms
- triangles in signs or the roof lines of buildings and structures

As an additional challenge, you may request the search for a specific color and shape. For instance, “now I’ll look for a red circle!”

Parents may also engage their child by scanning their view in front of them and quickly identifying a specific “target,” one that may not be so obvious for the child, and then asking their child to find the target. The challenge may be something like “I spy with my little eye a green triangle.” Often, with a child in the backseat, his or her ability to clearly see ahead will be a little delayed, making the game a true challenge for them.

Whatever the shape—squares, rectangles, circles, half-moons, diamonds, arrows—and whatever the colors there are sure to be possibilities for learning and strengthening of your child’s understanding of these concepts, while using the travel time spent in your car wisely. Just be sure to have fun!