

Games and Activities for the Car



While Driving:

I'm Thinking Of....

I'm thinking of a pet that starts with the hhhhhh sound. (hamster)

Rhyming Names

Start with your child's name and then make a rhyming last name. Take turns changing people you know into rhyming last names. Sarah Barah, Ava Bava, John Ron, Mary Perry. The more syllables you use, the funnier it gets!

ABC Memory Game

Pick a topic, then take turns naming something that fits with that topic for every letter of the alphabet trying to keep track of the entire alphabet. Most likely you won't make it to Z but just start on the letter you left on when you play the next time. Enjoy the questions and conversations that pop up along the way!

For example:

Parent: Let's think of foods! I'll start, apple.

Child: apple, banana

Parent: apple, banana, cantaloupe

Child: What is a cantaloupe?

Parent: It's the orange melon we ate in the fruit salad with the watermelon.

Child: Ohhhh! Ok, apple, banana, cantelope, donut!

Road Sign ABC

Look for letters on signs in alphabetical order, taking turns. I see A on that sign. It says All Items Half Off!, Your child now must find B and tell you what the sign said. I see B! We Sell Bug Spray!

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It Looks, Feels, Smells, Sounds Like

Describe something by telling what it looks like, smells like, feels like tastes like, if it fits!

Ex: I'm thinking of a place in our house that has Elmo, lots of blue, soft places to sit, smells like soap and we go to every day. (The kitchen has an Elmo bowl, blue cups, soft chairs and we eat breakfast here every day)

I'm thinking of a snack that is smooth, smells fruity, tastes sweet, and is purple. (grapes)

Fortunately...Unfortunately

Begin telling an exciting story and then take turns adding "but unfortunately..." or "fortunately..."

Parent: Today I was on my way into school when a squirrel ran through my legs and knocked me down!

Child: Fortunately, you fell in a gigantic mud puddle and so you didn't get hurt.

Parent: Unfortunately, I was running late so I didn't have time to go home and change.

Child: Fortunately, you kept an extra pair of clothes in the car!

Parent: Unfortunately, they were for summer and it was 10 degrees outside!

While Waiting:

Keep a basket/bag of books to read and enjoy. If you are waiting to pick up a sibling, you can read a book together.

Keep a notebook and bag of colored pencils in the car pocket. Write your own book! Have your child tell you a story. You write it down. When you begin driving again, your child can illustrate and reread their story.

I Spy With My Little Eye

Look for something you both can see. Then say, "I spy with my little eye something that begins with the sound ssssss." Your child can ask you questions that can be answered with a yes or no. Is it red? No. Is it little? No.

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