

Tired? Bored? Hungry? And more miles left to go? Help pass the time on your trip: Play a Game!

Everyone knows that a long bus ride can make even the most exciting field trip seem boring. When the bus is traveling a long distance to reach the cool field trip destination, it can seem like forever. What about when you are in the back seat waiting to reach Grandma’s house? The road stretches like a rubber band for miles and miles. Here’s a way to beat the road at its own game. Use what you have around you to play games with your family and friends. You *can* have fun while you travel!

MATERIALS = NOTHING BUT TIME & IMAGINATION

Make Them LOOK! License Plate Games

1) ABC Version: Try to find license plates that begin with each letter of the alphabet. You must work in order of the alphabet. You can work together or competitively. Set a time limit for best results.



2) State Version: Try to find a license plate from every state. Work as a team. Use paper to keep track of which ones you have seen if you can, because 50 states can be hard to keep track of! *Note: Feel free to add or change rules. For example, Alaska and Hawaii plates are not necessary because those states might be too far away. You want the game to be fun, not frustrating!

Make Them THINK!

1) My Mother Owns a Grocery Store: A person begins a statement similar to “My mother owns a grocery store, and in it she has something that begins with the letter ____.” Then fill in the letter. People start guessing names of items that begin with that letter until they guess right. Then whoever guesses right gets to go next.

2) Guessing Game: A person sees something and says, “Guess what I am?” The other people ask yes/no questions to figure out what the person is. There is usually a limit on the number of questions asked. Examples of questions: “Are you an animal?” “Do you moo?” and “Are you brown?”

Make Them LAUGH!

Straight Face: One person is “it.” They have to answer any question with a silly phrase. You decide what this phrase is before beginning. A common first phrase is “The cat’s tail.” Then you each ask this person a question, like “What do you eat your soup with?” The person must answer, **WITHOUT SMILING** or laughing, “The cat’s tail.” The next person asks another question, like “What is the most important thing to take to school tomorrow?” Each person must ask a question until the person who is “it” breaks down and laughs or smiles. Then you pick another phrase. Some suggested phrases:

- ✓ my horse’s hat
- ✓ the bird’s boots
- ✓ the donkey’s teeth
- ✓ fuzzy bunnies
- ✓ sour lemons

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