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Free Printable Travel Games for Kids

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The idea of a family road trip may be more fun than the actual road trip itself. Long hours in the car quickly wear on both parents and children. However, having some activities that the kids can enjoy will make for a more pleasant trip for everyone.

Pack the Suitcase



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Paper dolls can be a lot of fun for the girls, but when you want an inexpensive toy for boys *and* girls, this packable suitcase is the perfect solution. The printable is a small suitcase and the items that a child might pack to go on a trip.

How to Make the Game

1. Print the two pages on card stock for a sturdier toy.
2. Cut out the suitcase and the individual items meant to go inside the suitcase.
3. If you want, you can laminate the pages after they are cut out. This will help ensure the toy lasts the entire trip and maybe even beyond.

This game is best suited for preschool through about ten years of age.

How to Play the Game

This toy can be used in a variety of ways, making it one your children will treasure.

- Print two or more copies and challenge the kids to see who can get all the items neatly arranged in the suitcase the fastest.
- Print a second page of the items and glue them to index cards. Have the children take turns drawing cards and placing the items into the suitcase.
- Challenge the children to find the item on the trip and then put it in the

suitcase. For example, if the child sees a dog on the side of the road, he can add the stuffed dog image to the suitcase. If he sees a woman combing her hair in the next car, he can add the comb and so on. This turns the toy into both a scavenger hunt and paper doll game, and it will keep children busy for much of the trip.

Bubble Wrap Game



Print this bubble wrap game.

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Who doesn't love popping those clear bubbles on bubble wrap? You can create a simple car game out of large bubble wrap (one-inch bubbles) and this printable. Because the game uses images, any child preschool age or older can play.

What You Need

- Bubble wrap with large bubbles (one-inch wide)
- Heavy card stock
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape

How to Make the Game

1. Print out the images on a piece of card stock.
2. Cut a piece of bubble wrap to fit over the sheet of images.
3. Seal the edges of the bubble wrap and the piece of card stock together with clear packing tape.

How to Play the Game

- Each child receives a bubble wrapped card.
- Challenge the children to find each of the images on the card. For example, if there is an image of a cow, they should look for a cow.
- When they find one of the items, they should call out what they saw and pop the bubble. Only the first person to spot that image can pop it. The others will have to wait to see another object.
- Once the child has called out "cow" or whatever the object may be, he can no longer call that item. This gives every child a chance to find all the items on his card.
- The first person to pop all the bubbles wins the game.

Car Scavenger Hunt



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Find the items or complete the tasks listed and mark them with an 'X' and the number of points earned. Game is based on points. First person to spot each thing gets two points. After the first sighting, the item is only worth one point. Most points wins.

Yellow flowers	Fuel at the next sign	Car with a family of four	Car with a dog inside	Fast Car
Items Truck with a Red Cab	Billboard for hotel	Sign that reminds you to buckle up	Pass over a bridge	Stop for a snack and buy only items that are white or brown
Stop to the outdoors on the next rest stop	Take a picture with a waitress	Find a cow (make sure it is safe to take it - if not, just take a picture of it)	Spot clouds	Walk across a road at least one time or twice
A field with two or more horses	A red sports car	Dumpy truck	Spot a helicopter	Spot a yellow taxi
Find someone wearing a hat	Make a candy stop exactly only candy	Find an ambulance	Spot a school bus	Make it a car with other kids in it

[Click to print the scavenger hunt.](#)

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Keep your kids entertained during those long road trips by giving them the scavenger hunt list to the right. The items included are things that the child will need to look for both while in the car and at stops along the way, such as restaurants.

The printable includes items and challenges to complete. For examples:

- Find yellow flowers
- Take a picture with a waitress
- Spot a field with two or more horses

This game is better suited for older children who can read well.

How to Play the Game

- Print enough copies of the scavenger hunt list so that every person playing can have one. You may want to print a few extras in case someone makes a mistake on their copy.
- Gather enough washable markers or pens for each player.
- Instruct children that they must either spot the item or complete the task. As they do so, they should mark off that item on the scavenger hunt list.
- Each item is worth two points and points are tallied at the end of the trip.

Finding Travel Games Online

Almost every fun Internet site devoted to kids has an accessible subcategory of free printable games and activities. Check out the following sites for a wealth of free activities and stock up on the printer paper!

MomsMinivan

[MomsMinivan](#) has a ton of free printable games, including roadside bingo, scavenger hunts, Battleship, sing-along song lyrics, and Tic-Tac-Toe.

Spoonful

There's plenty of free fun to be had at [Spoonful](#). Free printables include Boardwalk Word Search, Road Trip Maze, Desert Puzzle, and Find the Difference.

familyeducation

For parents who want to make fun as educational as possible, [familyeducation.com](#) is a must visit. With over a thousand free activities, he's sure to learn plenty while enjoying his travel time! Activities include things like, Nouns: What Is It, Ocean Concentration Game, Color By Number, Hidden Summer Vacation, Flash Cards, and Most Common Words Cards. The ["I Spy" Printable Car Game](#) is a good choice for travel as well.

The Kidz Page

[The Kidz Page](#) is a bustling, fun-filled site that has plenty of printable games including jigsaw puzzles, coloring pages, and holiday themed activities. You'll even find [word search printables](#) with holiday themes, which is perfect for that seasonal road trip to Grandma's house.

Pack the Supplies

Once you have a vast selection of activities, it's time to pack a travel sack for easy stow-away and access. A backpack devoted to travel games and supplies will help to keep all the fun organized. For easy access, file activities in folders and sort them in folders titled coloring activities, puzzles and mazes, and learning fun.

Make sure your child has plenty of pencils, sharpeners, markers, and crayons packed away to keep her busy! To add to the anticipation of the travel games and activities, keep them hidden until departure. While transportation traveling may only take a few hours or a couple of days, these games are sure to keep your child busy throughout the entire family trip!

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