

Holiday Time

Holidays and travel are wonderful opportunities for learning new things. Here are some ideas for making holidays fun for all the family.



Tips for getting ready for trips

- Have a family brainstorm of things you could do in a car, train or plane.
- Get children to make up travel bags with favorite games and toys.
- Take lots of story tapes or CD's. Give children personal stereos and headphones if you want some periods of peace and quiet.

Car trip games



- Look out! Take turns to choose something you spot as you travel. Every time you pass one, shout 'Look out!' Others have to guess what it is.
- Play *I spy with my little eye*, which is a great game for all ages. For very young children, spy things 'the color of...' rather than 'beginning with the letter...'
- Take turns to choose a car licence plate and make one or more words from the letters. Score a point for every letter you use. Give younger children an 'e' or an 'a' that they can use whenever they want.
- Spot car makes. Score points on a scale of 1-5, giving most points for the less common makes. For example, 5 for a Porsche, 1 for a Ford Freestar.
- Tell a story. Take turns to build up a story, sentence by sentence.
- Spot the number. First to spot numbers 1 to 20 on licence plates wins.
- Take turns to be a DJ and introduce a favorite track from a CD or tape.