■ 5 Games to Play in the Car

Gentle, no-prep English games for ages 1–5
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Car journeys are the perfect learning moments. No toys, no screens — just you, your little one, and the world going by. These 5 games build listening, vocabulary, and confidence — and pass the time beautifully.

1. ■ I Spy with My Little Eye

How: "I spy with my little eye… something that is RED!" Let them look and point. When they find it, celebrate! Then swap — they choose and you guess.
Builds: Listening, colours, vocabulary, turn-taking.
Tip: Start with colours for little ones; move to first-letter sounds when they're ready.

2. ■ What Can You See?

How: Take turns naming things you pass: "I see a bus! I see a tree! I see a blue car!" Make it silly: "I see a pink elephant!" (giggles guaranteed).
Builds: Vocabulary, sentence structure, observation.
Tip: Add describing words: "I see a BIG, YELLOW bus!"

3. ■ Guess the Animal

How: Make an animal sound — "Moo!" — and let them guess. Then swap. Or describe: "It's very tall, has a long neck… what is it?"
Builds: Animal vocabulary, listening, thinking skills.
Tip: For younger ones, just sounds. For older ones, add simple clues.

4. ■ Sing & Rhyme

How: Sing a favourite song together (Wheels on the Bus is perfect in the car!). Pause before the last word: "The wheels on the bus go round and ___?" — let them fill it in.
Builds: Rhyming, memory, sound awareness, joy.
Tip: Make up silly verses: "The baby on the bus goes waa waa waa…"

5. ■ Picnic Game (simple version)

How: "I'm going on a picnic and I'm bringing an APPLE." They add: "…and a BANANA!" Keep going, adding one thing each turn.
Builds: Memory, listening, vocabulary.
Tip: For ages 1–3, skip the repeating — just take turns naming food. No pressure.

Remember — it's not about getting it right. It's about laughing, talking, and being together. Even one game on one journey builds little brains beautifully. **Progress over perfection, always ■**

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