

Car Journeys

Encourage children to play games in the car to make maths fun. Enjoy counting together and look out for objects that interest your child. Spot things on your journey: 'How many red cars can you see?'; 'There's a big tractor'; 'We're going under a bridge'; 'through the tunnel' and 'up the hill'. Play together and encourage your child to spot things along the way too. Praise your child for having a go. You can have more fun by repeating your child's comments and adding more words to extend their vocabulary.



Supporting your child to develop their language

Try to remember to ask less questions and make more comments about what is happening, have a go at saying four comments to one question.

1. I can see the red car.
2. There's a tall building.
3. That's right, we're going through the tunnel.
4. I can see the hill.
5. What can you see?

Words to share

One, two, three, four, five,
under, up, down, through,
big, small

Making it work for your family

Focus on one idea and keep it simple, for example, regularly comment on going 'under'. 'We are going under a bridge'; 'We are going under a tree'; 'We are going under the road'. When your child understands going 'under', you can add another idea such as 'over'.



Next time you could try ...

this activity on any journey - taking the bus, walking or even cycling. Follow your child's lead and have fun together finding out about maths.

Look all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.