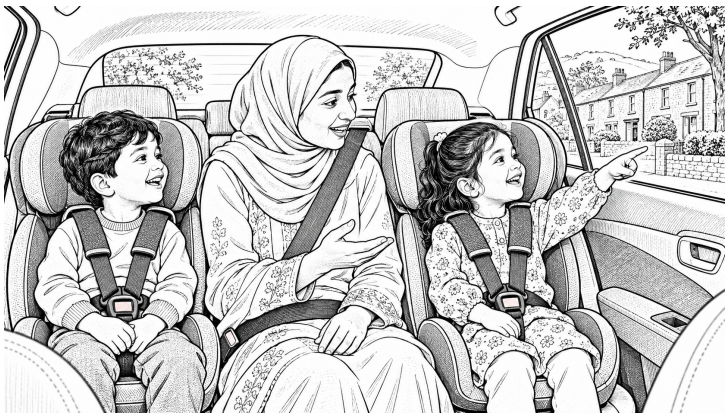
Learning on a car journey

Everyday learning with your child • Ages 3–5

Talk, notice and try things together. Everyday journeys can build big skills.



Look, listen and talk together

Notice what passes the window, enjoy a song or remember where you are going. No toys or worksheets are needed.

Use Urdu, Punjabi or another home language. Let a passenger lead the games and give your child time to answer.

Describe what you can see

Name buildings, vehicles and places. Add describing words such as tall, shiny, busy and quiet. Follow what interests your child.

“A bus! A big red bus. Where might it be going?”

Count and compare

Choose one thing to spot, such as buses or red cars. Count a small group together. Compare more and fewer, bigger and smaller.

“We saw two buses, then one more. How many is that?”

Spot signs, letters and numbers

Notice shop signs and familiar symbols. Spot a letter from your child’s name or a number on a registration plate when safely visible.

“Can you spot a letter you recognise?”

Sing, rhyme and listen

Enjoy a familiar song or rhyme. Take turns adding a rhyming word. Play sound games with words and sounds your child already knows.

“Cat and hat rhyme. Can we think of another?”

Remember and predict the route

Name familiar landmarks. Use before, after, near and next. Let your child guess what they will see next and explain their idea.

“We have passed the park. What comes next?”

Tell a travelling story

Make up a story about a bus, a dog or a building you pass. Take turns adding ideas. Later, draw or retell something from the trip.

“Once there was a little bus. Where did it go?”

Make it right for your child

Start simple: name a vehicle, match a colour or join in a familiar song.
Add a challenge: count up to 5 or 10, explain a prediction or retell your route.

Keep it short and playful. Quiet looking and listening count too.

Keep children correctly secured in suitable car seats. The driver must focus on driving; a passenger can lead activities. If driving alone, save questions for when safely parked.

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