

Parent Conversations and Activities

TRANSPORTATION

1. Have child make a car or train using two or three chairs. Have them act out being the driver. Ask him/her where they are going and how long it will take.
2. Together make a boat out of a large box. Use tape to attach a stick to the back of the box. Then cut out a large triangle from newspaper to attach to the stick for a sail. Have the child act out where he/she is going.
3. After reading one of the books about trains, give your child several small empty boxes. Have the child create his/her own railroad.
4. After reading one of the books about trains, ask your child if he/she understands the following vocabulary: switching trains, berths, conductor, train yard, engine, and caboose. Follow up with a train ride or trip to the library.
5. Talk to your child about the purpose of an ambulance. Explain why it is important to get out of the way quickly.
6. Take your child to the local firehouse. Call to make arrangements for someone to talk to your child about fire safety. Do you have a fire alarm in your home?
7. Play cars together. Make roads and bridges using whatever you have around the house (i.e., blocks, cans, sticks or string).
8. After reading several books from the unit, have your child draw his/her favorite kind of transportation.
9. Go to a small local airport and watch the planes take off and land. Have your child draw a picture of what he/she sees.
10. When you are traveling in the city, point out the traffic light to your child. Explain the purpose of the red, yellow, and green lights.
11. Take a trip to the riverfront or the ocean. Talk to your child about the boats and ships that you see.
12. Talk to your child about local public transportation. Have them draw a picture of a taxicab, subway or bus.
13. Help your child make a list of forms of transportation he/she has used. Don't forget to include bicycles, feet, and wagons.

14. Divide a sheet of paper into three parts. Have your child draw a form of transportation for sea, land, and air.
15. Ask your child how a subway is different from other forms of transportation. Go for a ride on the subway.