



Planning on traveling by car with children for spring break? That can be a LONG car ride if you aren't prepared ahead of time with snacks, music, movies and activities. The car ride can provide a great opportunity for families to bond, have fun and laugh...but only if you are prepared ahead of time!

Here is a fun game to play with the kids while driving through the country:  
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## Counting Cows (also known as "Cow Poker")

Here is how to play this classic car travel game. Divide the car occupants into teams - left side and right side. Decide how you will determine when the game will end (time, length of trip, etc.). Count the cows you see on your side of the car. If you pass a field full of lots of cows, you'd better count fast! If you pass a cemetery on your side of the car, you lose all your cows -- but only if the opposing team calls out "your cows are buried!"

This game gets interesting when distraction tactics are used to either cause your opponent to miss cows on their side of the road or to miss a cemetery on your side of the road. A white horse can count as a bonus. The team with the most cows wins!

Here is a point system you might like to use to make it a little more challenging:

- 1) Cows = 1 point each.
- 2) White Horse = 50 points
- 3) Chimney by itself (house burnt down) = 50 points each.
- 4) Peg legged man = 500 points each.
- 5) Gray mule = 100 points each.
- 6) Wind mill (out in pasture pumping water) = 50 points each.
- 7) Sheep or goats (replace cows if none are around) = 1 point each.
- 8) Cemetery = wipes out points. Start back at zero (0).

Some cow jokes to incorporate into the game:

**Why do cows have bells?**

A: Because their horns don't work!

**How do you keep a bull from charging?**

A: You take away his credit card!

**What do you call a cow that has no milk?**

A: An udder failure!

**What do cows do online?**

A: They instant moo-ssege each other!

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