

Carpool Counting Rhyme

Lesson at a glance:

This finger play and rhyme can be used to show word meaning through simple actions and finger movements.

Skills:

Listening, Communicating, Counting

Grades:

K-2

Materials:

- Carpool Counting Rhyme



Activity:

1. Recite the **Car Pool Counting Rhyme** along with your students and lead them in using their fingers to show how many people are added and subtracted from the car.
2. Discuss how cars help us do many things in our lives.
3. Ask students to name other ways that we can move around from place to place without cars.
4. Ask students to think about how many people can fit safely (with seatbelts) in their family's vehicle.

Extensions:

1. Have the students act out the rhyme. One student can be the driver and four other students can be the passengers.
2. Have the students brainstorm other activities that might occur on their car ride.



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One parent driver headed off to school.
(hold up one finger)

He picked up a student and then there were two.
(hold up two fingers)
Two people riding, they stopped to get me

I got into the car, and then there were three.
(hold up a third finger)
Three people riding, we stopped for more

We picked up a student, and then there were four.
(hold up a fourth finger)
Four people riding, another friend we spied,

We picked up that student, and then there were five.
(hold up a fifth finger)
Five people riding to (name of your school)

Four students climb out the car door,
And the driver's alone once more! *(put down four fingers)*

