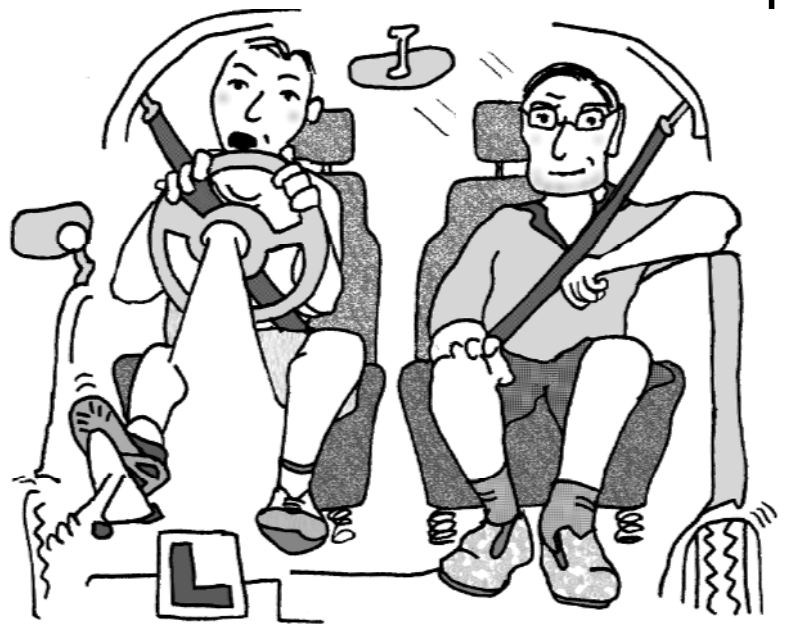


30 Great Questions to keep in touch with kids

Whether it is at the dinner table, walking to the park, in the car, getting ready for bed, waiting for food at a restaurant...there's some quiet space. What do you do? How about asking a question or two? Listening to your kids' answers for just five minutes may do more to build your relationship than five months of telling them what to do.

1. What is your favourite time of day? Why?
2. What do you most enjoy doing with your family?
3. Other than play time and lunch time, what did you most enjoy at school today? Why?
4. If our family had to move to another town, what would you miss the most?
5. If you could become a cartoon character, which one would you want to be? Why?
6. If you could invent one thing what would it be?
7. How do you decide who your friends will be?
8. Which day is usually your best day each week?
9. Why do we have laws/rules?
10. Who is the Prime Minister and what do they do?
11. What bothers you most?



Clocking up learner driver hours provided opportunities for Dave & Len to build on their relationship

12. If I gave you \$10 today, what would you do with it?
13. If you went on a Mastermind programme what would be your subject?
14. In the film Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket played Pinocchio's 'conscience'. What does a conscience do? Where does it come from? Do you have one?
15. Does making friends mean that you should learn to ask great questions? What are five questions that kids your age would like to be asked?
16. Who are the three greatest people you've ever learned about? What makes them so 'great'?
17. What is the best gift you've ever given to anyone? What made it so special?
18. In all the things you've had to forgive people for, what has been the toughest thing to forgive? Why?
19. If you could talk to anyone in the world on the phone for 30 minutes, who would you talk to? What would you ask them?
20. How many capital cities of countries can you name?
21. What does it mean to be a 'true friend'? Why do you have friends? Do you want friends or need them?
22. When you've done something wrong, is it ever hard to say, "I'm sorry." Why?
23. Is there someone in your life you can't stand to be around? What bothers you the most about them?
24. What is your favourite room in the house?
25. If you were Mum or Dad, what would your top five rules be?
26. Which do you like more – being alone or with other people? Why?
27. What is the best job in the whole world?
28. Why do wars get started between countries? What causes them? What stops them?
29. What would you do with a million dollars?
30. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why there?

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