

Make traveling in the car a good experience for both you and the kids

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Do you remember what it was like to be a kid? To be so excited about where you were going that you couldn't wait to get there?

One hour seemed like an eternity to you and it probably does for your child as well.

Your little one is just as full of energy as you used to be (or maybe still are). That leisurely drive or extended road trip you are excited about can be terribly boring, confining and long for your child.

So be creative and try to make the trip more enjoyable for your little ones.

Here are a few suggestions that may help.

○ Plan some breaks along the way

Let the little ones get out and run off some of that energy. You should join them, the break will help you stay alert as well.

○ Tell your child exactly how long the trip will take

Answer that "are we there yet" question precisely. Rather than replying soon try giving your child a more concrete answer.

For example, "when you see the big buildings and lots of cars and people, then we will be close to Grandma's house."

○ Give your child a map

Circle your starting point and where you will end up. Let your child play "navigator" and tell you what city or town you will pass next. If your child is too young to follow a map, tell him or her to look for special landmarks on the way.

○ Put aside some special toys

Remember to choose travel toys that are soft and safe and rarely played with. Try a special blanket for the car, books, a sleep friend and a tape deck with sing-along tapes. For older children you may want to look for travel games or

activities.
○ Play some road games
For example, ask your child to look for certain license plates, vehicle types, buildings, trees, people and so on.

○ Make sure your child is comfortable

Uncomfortable kids usually means cranky kids and in a confined space like your car, that means everyone suffers. It may be too hot in the back seat. The sun could be shining into your child's

eyes through the window. The seat padding or vinyl cover may be too hot or too cold. Air circulation may be poor. Take a minute, sit in the back seat and see what it's like back there.

Your child could be wearing too much or too little clothing for the climate in the vehicle.

In winter, once the car warms up, unzip that snowsuit or take it off to make your child more comfortable. In the summer, try the barefoot approach and get rid of socks and shoes.

○ Just Plain Sick Of The Car

Some children suffer from motion sickness, although they may not vomit.

Very young children cannot express their feelings, but they have other ways of letting you know that something is wrong.

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Motion sickness is not unusual. Talk to your doctor and find out what you can do to make car travel easier for your child.

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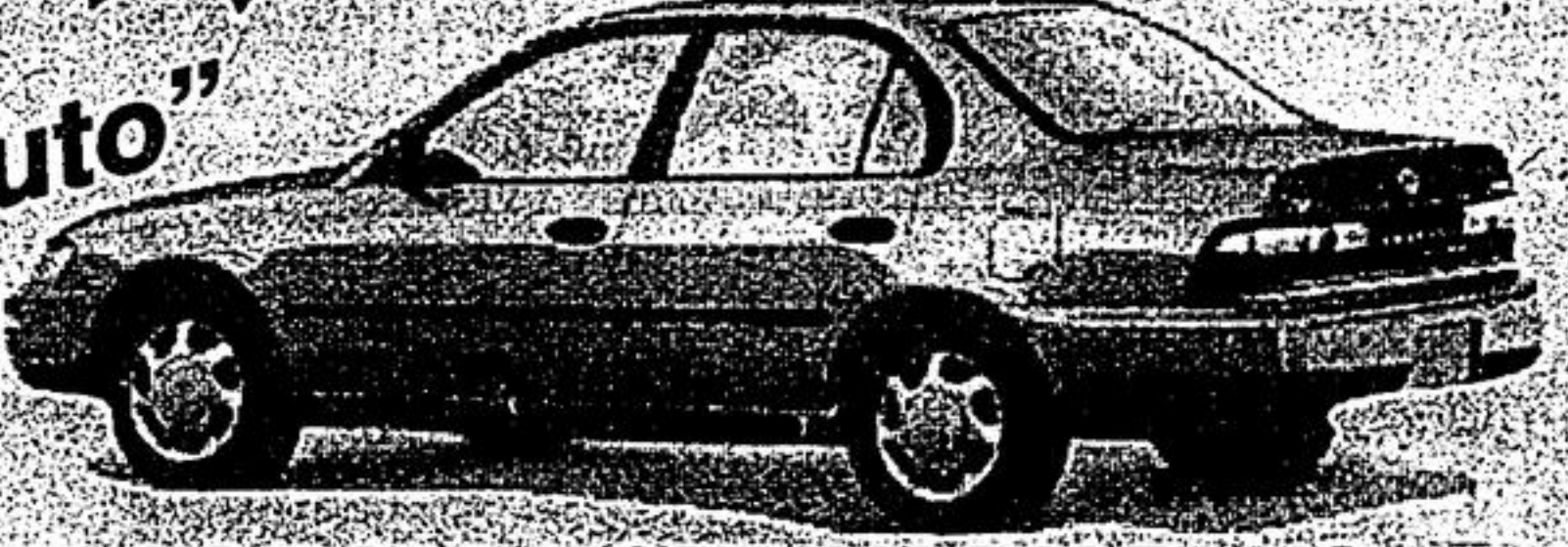
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Discuss end-of-lease obligations

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the end of the lease.
If a large down payment is unrealistic, some leasing programs are an attractive and viable alternative to financing a new car.
There are, however, some questions for you to consider when discussing lease options.
• Is there a mileage limit attached to the lease? Can you negotiate a higher mileage limit in order to avoid potential additional fees at the end of the lease?
• Will you be charged for end-of-lease obligations such as disposition fees, purchase fees and prepayment fees?
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