

# Shhh

When you need a few moments of QUIET:

### Sign Poetry

Take turns picking out four words from road signs. Give the words to the other players who have one minute or two minutes to use the words in a four-line, rhyming poem using one word per line. For older children, you can select more challenging words.

Here is an example: 65, route, Mississippi, fuel

Here we go, here we go. All the way.  
65 miles to go today!  
Fuel the car and don't delay  
Mississippi we will be there some day.

### One Minute of Words

Player 1 announces a letter from the alphabet. Players write as many words as possible that start with that letter. When a minute is up, player 1 says "Stop!" and all the players put down their pencils. Whoever has the most "real" words wins. The winner selects the next letter. Hint: Be sure to decide in advance whether you can finish writing a word you've already started when the game ends.



Round 2 can also include having each player write a sentence with as many of the words they selected as he or she can.

### Word Stretch

Ask each player to write down as many words as they can from the letters in a phrase such as "Are we there yet?" or "When will we be at the zoo?" The winner will then come up with the next phrase.

### Design Your Own Road Sign

Player 1 selects a destination or place that you will visit (example: museum with largest ball of string or rest stop or gas station). Other players have three minutes to draw the "best" sign that depicts that destination. Player 1 chooses the winner. The winner now selects the next destination.

