

LICENSE PLATE GAMES

Motorists have discovered license plate spotting games are a great activity to help pass long hours on the highway. Make up your own rules, everyone can play, and all you need is a good pair of eyes, and maybe a pad and pencil. And as a word of advice, make it clear in the beginning that the driver is the final judge in all disputes - - exactly like the captain of a ship at sea!

Easy games:

Identify colors on a plate, find letters of the alphabet and numbers in sequence. Pick a "magic" two digit number or initials to see on a plate. Another variation is to pick a color and only the plates on that color vehicle "count".

Competitive games(fun for all ages):

SPELL THE SHORTEST WORD - Use the letters on a plate in the sequence they appear, and by adding letters construct the shortest word possible. Example : MLN-123 makes **MainLinE** (8 letters) while **MeLoN** wins with 5 letters.

POKER- The first three numbers on the first plate you see is the start of your hand. Using the first two numbers on the next plate you have a basic poker hand. Make your wager, declare your discards (up to 3 numbers) and watch the next plate to draw your final hand. A variation is to use truck five digit plates.

DICE - Use the first number or numbers on a plate to determine dice combinations. If the first digits are 2 - 9, 11,12 use as is. If it is 13 - 19 add them together. For example 13 becomes 4 (1+3). The first plate you see is your "roll". If the roll is 7 or 11 you win; 2 or 3 you lose; 12 you lose but keep your turn going first. All other possible sums (4,5,6,8,9,10) is your "point". To win, you must see your "Point" as the first numbers on a plate before one that begins with 7 or 16 which is the same as 7.

BLAZE A TRAIL - The object of this game is to "Blaze a trail" from coast to coast or between any two points of your choice- perhaps between New Jersey and Arizona if that is the destination of the trip. Look for license plates from states that border each other until you have a trail that connects your two points. Players take turns with time limits, or have only certain color vehicles to choose from. One rule is you must see a plate of a state that borders one you have seen to continue your "trail". You cannot see a plate out of sequence and "save" it for future use.

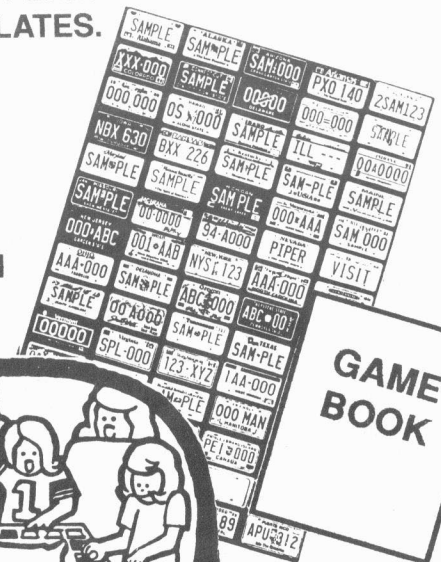
One last thought- make the person spotting a plate name the capital of the state or province before they can claim it in any game.

LICENSE PLATE STICKER GAME CONTAINS



**MAPS ALBUMS OF U.S.
AND CANADA TO KEEP
A PERMANENT RECORD OF
PLATES.**

**70 COLOR STICKERS
OF ALL U.S. AND CANADIAN
AUTOMOBILE LICENSE
PLATES.**



**GAME
SUGGESTIONS
FOR ALL AGES.**



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License plate spotting tips

- Alabama** (1 plate) First two numbers on passenger plates are a county code.
- Alaska** (2 plates) The Alaska State flag is on passenger vehicle plates.
- Arkansas** (1 plate) State vehicle plates are white on red.
- California** (2 plates) Personalized (Environmental) plates can have 2-7 characters.
- Colorado** (2 plates) First 2-3 letters are a county code **AA**-Denver; **EWN**- Pitkin.
- Conn.** (1or 2 plates) **Combination** means valid for both commercial and private use.
- Delaware** (1 plate) A smaller white on black porcelain plate is valid for use (special order).
- D.C.** (1 plate) A plate that begins with **L** is for hire (Livery or limousine).
- Florida** (1 plate) Look for special plates to help save the **Manatee** and **Panther**.
- Georgia** (1 plate) Georgia is the only state that doesn't sell sample plates to collectors.
- Hawaii** (2 plates) The first three letters are a county code **MAA-MZZ** is Maui County.
- Idaho** (2 plates) The first letter and number is a county code: **1A**- Ada; **2A**-Adams.
- Illinois** (2 plates) Truck plates are a different color than cars and have a weight code.
- Indiana** (1 plate) The first numbers on a passenger plate (1-99) are county codes.
- Iowa** (2 plates) The county name appears at the bottom of regular passenger plates.
- Kansas** (1 plate) Look for a two letter county code decal on the upper left corner.
- Kentucky** (1 plate) The county name appears on the roof of **Churchill Downs**.
- Louisiana** (1 plate) The letter in the center of the plate is a police troop area code.
- Maine** (2 plates) All taxi license plates begin with H (for "hire").
- Maryland** (2 plates) Look for the special plate to help save the Chesapeake Bay.
- Mass.** (1 or 2 plates) The Minuteman statue (Lexington,MA) is on Natl. Guard plate.
- Michigan** (1 plate) Personalized plates are issued new every year, and in pairs.
- Minn.** (2 plates)Special plates are issued by Chippewa Indians in Minnesota.
- Miss.** (1 plate) The county name appears on a passenger car plate.
- Missouri** (2 plates) Only Missouri uses a validation decal in the center of the plate.
- Montana** (2 plates) The first numbers (1-56) on a passenger plate are county codes.
- Nebraska** (2 plates) The first numbers (1-93) on a passenger plate are county codes.
- Nevada** (2 plates) E over X means exempt (from tax) and appears on govt.vehicles.
- N. H.** (2 plates) The Old Man in the Mountain is a rock formation at Franconia Notch.
- N. J.** (2 plates) important state officials have gold state seals on their plates.
- New Mex.** (1 plate) An Indian sun sign "ZIA" is used on license plates.
- New York** (2 plates) Members of the New York press have NYP on their plates.
- N. C.** (1 plate) Rental car plates begin with " R".
- N. Dak.** (2 plates) The Peace Garden is on the Canadian border.
- Ohio** (2 plates) The county name appears on passenger plates.
- Oklahoma** (1 plate) The first two letters on passenger plates are county codes.
- Oregon** (2 plates) Voted the most beautiful by License Plate Collectors Assn.
- Penn.** (1 plate) Pennsylvania was the keystone state of the 13 colonies.
- R.I.** (2 plates) Repossessors use plates marked **BAILEE**.
- S.C.** (1 plate) S.C. issues more types of plates than any other state.
- S. Dak.** (2 plates) The first 2 numbers (1-67) on passenger plates are county codes.
- Tenn.** (1 plate) A county name decal appears on passenger plates.
- Texas** (2 plates) Texas issues over 700,000 special plates in 35 categories.
- Utah** (2 plates) The first 2 letters on passenger plates are county codes.
- Vermont** (2 plates) The tree symbol honors the Vermont Sugar Maple.
- Virginia** (2 plates) Low numbers are issued for an extra fee as personalized plates.
- Wash.** (2 plates) The graphic background is Mt. Rainier.
- W.V.** (1 plate) The first letter or number is an expiration code: 1- Jan, N - Nov.
- Wisc.** (2 plates) Menominee Indians have special plates.
- Wyoming** (2 plates) The first numbers (1- 23) are county codes.

Canada

- Alberta** - 1 plate
- British Columbia**- 2 plates
- Manitoba** -1 plate
- New Brunswick**-1 plate
- Nfld. & Labrador**- 2 plates
- Nova Scotia** - 2 plates
- Ontario** -2 plates
- Prince Ed. Isl.**-1 plate
- Quebec** -1 plate
- Saskatchewan**-1 plate
- Northwest Terr.**-1 plate
- Yukon** -1 plate

Here is a quiz about U.S. passenger license plates. Its for all ages, but the questions are tough!
Answers are at the bottom of the page.

1. How many of the 20 states that require only one plate can you name?
2. You need to identify only 6 states to find a total of 8 animals -(2 horses, 1 colt, 2 pelicans,1 lobster, 1 mountain goat and a song bird).
3. Saskatchewan has wheat on their plate, what 4 states promote their agricultural products on license plates?
4. People are important, and important people are on license plates. Can you name the 4 states that have plates that display either the image or name of a president?
5. Which state requires the registration of all vehicles every year, even those that are inoperable, in storage or otherwise not being driven?
6. When you look on a map, states have distinctive shapes. Can you name those ten states who use these outlines on their license plate ? Its tougher than you think!
7. When you are big you like to wave the flag. Can you name two states who proudly display a flag on their plates?
9. Which state, territory or province issues the most beautiful license plate?
This should start a discussion, and believe it or not, there is an answer!

1. AL, AZ, AR, DE, FL, GA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MI, MS, NM, NC, OK, PA, SC,TN, WV.
2. KY(1 horse, 1 colt), LA (2 pelicans), ME (lobster), NV(Mtn. goat),SC (bird), WY (horse).
3. GA- peach, ID - Potatoes, KS - wheat, NJ-Garden State, 4. IL- Lincoln, SD-

- Mt.Rushmore, WA, 5. CA, 6. CT, FL, IN, MN, MT, NJ, OH, OK, TX, WV, Z. AK, TX.
8. Automobile License Plate Collectors Assn. votes every year - recent winners are South Carolina and Idaho.

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