

In this competitive game, kids will sharpen their skills of observation as they try to "collect" the most cows.

What you need: pens and scorecards

Perfect for: ages 4 and up; players should be able to count.

How to play: Each player looks for cows on his side of the car. For each cow a person sees, he marks a tally on his card. When a player sees any body of water, such as a lake, stream, reservoir or pond, on his side of the car, he calls out, "I dunk your cows!" The other players must cross out all the cows they have counted and begin counting again. The player who "dunked" the cows gets to keep his total until someone else dunks his cows.

Decide when the game ends—perhaps when a parent sees a Z on a license plate or when the car crosses railroad tracks. Once a parent calls the end of the game, the players add up their tallies. The player with the most cows wins.

—Charlotte Adelsperger

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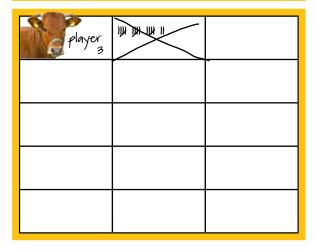
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