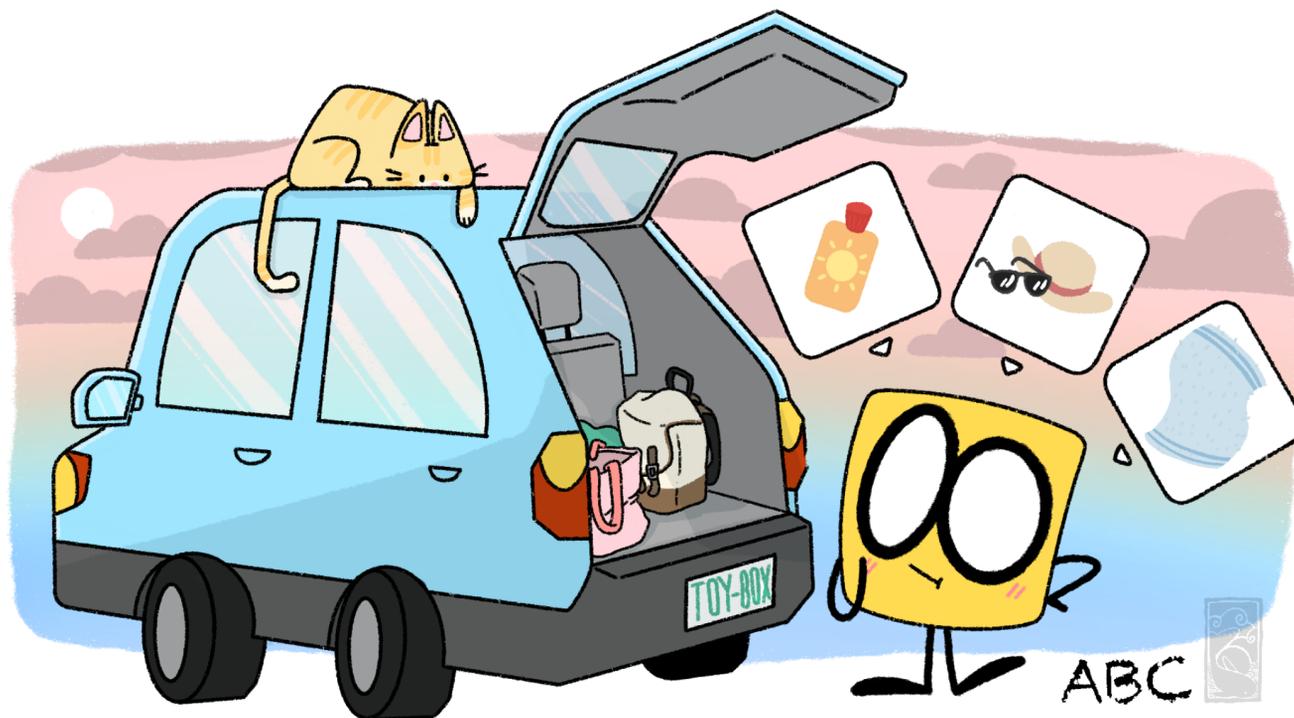


TOYBOX



Let's Go to the Beach!

Do We Have Everything?

Beginner: While getting ready to go to the beach, emphasize the names of items that you are packing.

[Tip]: “We need a hat to protect us from the sun; We need a towel to dry off after we swim.”

Intermediate: Let your child help you pack. Ask “What do we need for our trip to the beach?” With your child, write these items down.

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Experienced: Have your child write the packing list for your trip to the beach, listing as many items as they can with descriptive words.

[Tip]: “My pink sunglasses; the big, blue bottle of sunscreen; sand tools for building a sandcastle.”

Why is this important? Experiences that allow your child to learn and understand new words are important for their vocabulary development.

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