

Safe Travel with Baby



Pre-reading

Questions: Have you ever traveled with a baby?
What are some ways to keep a baby safe during travel?

Definitions: Host – someone who entertains guests at his/her home

Portable – easy to move, light to carry

Strangle – to cut off breath

Reading

18 The Kim family is going on a trip. They will be taking their baby with them. They know
40 that for the trip to go well, they will need to be prepared. Their trip will include a long car ride and
a stay at a friend's home. The Kims must think about safety as they plan their trip.

57 First, they think about the long car ride. They must have a car seat for their baby. The baby
76 must stay in her car seat at all times, even on long trips. The Kims will need to stop often for
97 feeding times, diaper changes, and to let baby stretch.

106 The Kims plan to pack things such as diapers, wipes, extra clothes, water, food, and snacks.
122 Having toys for their baby to play with is also a must. Many toys can hook on to the baby's
143 car seat. This will prevent them from dropping on the floor. String should never be used for
161 tying toys near a baby because it could strangle the baby. Plastic links can be used to hook
180 toys in place.

196 Next, the Kims prepare for the time they will spend at their friend's house. Before they
215 leave, the Kims plan to call ahead. They will ask their host to help childproof the area where
234 they will be staying. If there is no crib at the host's home, the Kims will pack their portable
250 crib. Babies must always sleep in cribs that meet all safety rules, even when on a trip.

267 When the Kims arrive at their friend's home, they will check the home for safety. They will
285 move any unsafe items out of baby's reach. They may also bring along and use outlet plugs, safety
304 locks and a baby gate if needed. Packing any medication the baby might need is also a good idea.

325 Travel with a baby is work, but it can be fun too. To have a good trip, parents need to plan
335 ahead. Keeping baby safe should be first on the list.

Understanding

1. Is it okay to take a baby out of his/her car seat on long trips? Why or why not? _____

2. Why do you think it is wise to plan ahead for a trip with a baby? _____

3. List some things that should be packed for a car trip with a baby? _____

4. How did calling their host help the Kims prepare for baby's safety away from home? _____

5. What should never be used to tie toys on a car seat? Why? _____

Writing

Option A: Retell the reading in your own words.

Option B: Write about a time you took a trip with a baby or small child.
