

Travel toys 2017: Fidgets, puzzles and activity books for summer trips – It’s smart to pack a few low-tech options for entertainment. Here are more than a dozen ideas.

With the last day of school just around the corner, you may be thinking of vacation. Perhaps you are headed to the beach. Or a family reunion. Or a national park. Wherever you’re traveling, it’s good to think about how you are going to pass the time in the car, plane, boat or train. (Pestering your little brother doesn’t count.)

Electronics aren’t always allowed or don’t always function well on a trip, so it’s smart to pack a few low-tech entertainment options. We found a batch of new toys, games and books easy to pack and play on the go. We hope they will distract and amuse you enough that you won’t dream of asking, “Are we there yet?”

Fidget toys/puzzles/games

IQ Focus (\$9.99) is the latest pocket puzzle game from SmartGames. This one features chunks of colored blocks that can fit into a grid to match 120 challenges. There are three levels of difficulty, the lowest of which would be challenging for most 8-year-olds. Younger kids may prefer **Jump’In (SmartGames, \$14.99)**, which features adorable rabbits trying to get to their holes safely by jumping over foxes and mushrooms.



IQ Focus (SmartGames, \$9.99) is a new one-person puzzle game with colored blocks that fit in 120 patterns on a grid. Choose a pattern, or challenge, from the directions booklet and see if you can arrange the blocks to fit. Even the less-difficult patterns would not be simple for an 8-year-old.



Younger kids might prefer **Jump’In**, also a one-person puzzle game from **SmartGames (\$14.99)**. The challenges in this game are to get the rabbits past the foxes and mushroom to their holes. But there are rules for how the rabbits can jump.

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