Daniel was so excited he was almost bouncing in the backseat of the car. It was his first trip to Disney World, and he couldn’t wait to get there. Only that’s exactly what he would have to do. Wait. For countless hours.

At first it wasn’t too bad. He played all the silly car games he could think of with his brother Emmit and his parents. They found all the letters of the alphabet in different signs along the highway. They guessed numbers between one and a hundred and played twenty.

“Yeah, but this is so boring!” Daniel whined.

“It’s more than boring,” Emmit said. “It’s torture.”

“You want to hear about torture?” Dad asked. “When I was about your age, Daniel, Grandma and Grandpa took your aunt Jan and me to Disney World. About halfway there, Grandpa ran over a nail and we got a flat tire. Luckily we had a spare, but it took forever to change the tire because Grandpa dropped the lug nuts and they rolled into the highway. We had to flag down a police car to close the right lane so we could get the lug nuts.”
Daniel laughed, picturing Grandpa running across the road looking for the lug nuts. “Grandpa must have been really mad!”

“Oh, he wasn’t happy, but it gets worse,” Dad said.

“About fifty miles later, the engine died. Grandpa had to walk three miles to get to a pay phone and call for a tow truck.”

“Why didn’t he use his cell phone?” Daniel asked.

Dad laughed. “We didn’t have cell phones back then.”

“What happened next?” Daniel asked.

“As a matter of fact, I have four or five funny stories,” Mom said. “Do you want to hear them?”

Daniel nodded and glanced at the clock on the dashboard. He hoped they’d have enough time to hear them all.

**About the Author**

Kelly Hashway’s picture book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won’t give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

1. Complete the graphic organizer.

Games that Daniel and His Family Played in the Car

2. When Daniel became bored in the car, what did his father do to help pass time?

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3. Where was the family traveling?
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   b. to Florida
   c. to Texas
   d. to Georgia

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   b. Daniel's grandfather's sister
   c. Daniel's father's sister
   d. Daniel's sister

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   c. remove nails from a tires
   d. help a car's wheels turn

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Use words from the story, “Road Trip” to complete the crossword.

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Down
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Describe a time when you had to find ways to make the time go by. Did your family take a long road trip? Did you have to wait in a long line? What did you do to make the time pass? Write your answer on the lines below.
Road Trip
by Kelly Hashway

1. Complete the graphic organizer.

   - find letters of the alphabet on highway signs
   - guess the number between 1 and 100

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2. portable phone without wires  **(cell phone)**
5. panel in a car with gauges and instruments to help the driver  **(dashboard)**
7. machine that powers a car  **(engine)**
8. complained in a high-pitched voice  **(whined)**

**Down**

1. humorous  **(funny)**
2. time-telling device  **(clock)**
3. a busy road with many cars  **(highway)**
4. place with rooms for travelers to stay overnight  **(motel)**
6. mother or father’s sister  **(aunt)**