Link a journey

Build one shared chain: each new observation connects to the one just before it.

Choose a finite goal and a safe place

Play with 2-6 passengers, or while safely stationary. A driver does not participate while driving: no reading, searching, reaching, pointing or recording. Choose 3 confirmed links (4 observations) or 6 links (7 observations).

Print matching US Letter at 100% / actual size. Share one pack: page 1 guide, page 2 chain record, page 3 optional prompt cards. Cut page-3 outlines only if wanted; leave the prompts as a sheet if easier.

Start0 is an observation, never a link

Write one visible observation as Start0. Reporter names a new observation; Connector gives a specific property shared with the immediately preceding observation. The team confirms: another person must explicitly agree. Recorder writes both and checks Confirmed only then.

Choose a visible colour, shape, movement or pattern, or a use already known for both. Never guess. "Both are things" and consecutive identical observations do not count. Repair unclear claims before recording. If a recorded link is wrong, cross out that link and later rows; return roles to that row.

Roles after each confirmed link



Agree a clockwise seat order. 3-6 players: choose first Reporter; the next two are Connector and Recorder. Move each role one seat after each confirmed link; others confirm. 2 players: choose one Reporter; the other connects/records. Swap after each confirmed link. Skips and unconfirmed ideas never count or rotate.

Solo practice: all roles, self-check, mark Self. A passenger or stationary adult helper may read or scribe exact words. Pointing/cutting optional. If colour is hard to distinguish, use shape, motion or a known use.

Imagined short chain: Start0 + 3 links = 4 observations

Start0 red bus -> 1 red rectangular sign (red) -> 2 rectangular clear shop window (rectangle) -> 3 rectangular clear house window (lets light indoors). Only use features you can confirm.

Replace, pause, restart and finish

Prompt unavailable? Use any visible observation or labelled journey Memory; confirm the link. No internet or host memory needed. If time ends early, mark Paused / incomplete and count links. Resume from the last observation, or restart explicitly: new visible Start0, zero links.

At exactly 3 or 6 confirmed links, stop. Read the full chain aloud and choose a favourite connection. Short uses rows 1-3 only. No score, elimination or extra rounds.

Shared observation chain

Write only confirmed connections. Each property links the new observation to the previous one.

Goal: ☐ Short: 3 links / 4 observations ☐ Long: 6 links / 7 observations

Short: use rows 1-3 only. Confirmation: ☐ Team ☐ Self (solo)

Start0: one visible observation (0 links) _____

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1. New observation: _____

Property shared with Start0: _____

☐ Confirmed **Yes by:** _____ **R:** _____ **C:** _____ **Write:** _____

2. New observation: _____

Property shared with row 1: _____

☐ Confirmed **Yes by:** _____ **R:** _____ **C:** _____ **Write:** _____

3. New observation: _____

Property shared with row 2: _____

☐ Confirmed **Yes by:** _____ **R:** _____ **C:** _____ **Write:** _____

4. New observation: _____

Property shared with row 3: _____

☐ Confirmed **Yes by:** _____ **R:** _____ **C:** _____ **Write:** _____

5. New observation: _____

Property shared with row 4: _____

☐ Confirmed **Yes by:** _____ **R:** _____ **C:** _____ **Write:** _____

6. New observation: _____

Property shared with row 5: _____

☐ Confirmed **Yes by:** _____ **R:** _____ **C:** _____ **Write:** _____

Memory: label recollections. Yes by: another person; solo: Self. R / C / Write: initials.

☐ Goal reached ☐ Paused / incomplete **Confirmed links:** _____

Favourite connection: _____

Twelve optional prompts

One shared set. Try any prompt or choose your own specific confirmed connection.

Use a prompt to connect two observations, not to tick off objects. Skip unavailable prompts without counting or role changes. A visible observation or labelled journey Memory may replace it; do not guess. Leave this sheet uncut if easier.

P01

Colour and pattern

Match one visible colour.

Name the exact colour shared by both.

P02

Colour and pattern

Compare a visible pattern.

Name the same stripes, dots or pattern.

P03

Colour and pattern

Notice repeating parts.

Say what visibly repeats in both.

P04

Outline and shape

Compare outside outlines.

Name the specific outline they share.

P05

Outline and shape

Look for a similar curve.

Say which visible part curves alike.

P06

Outline and shape

Compare visible corners.

Name the corner shape shared by both.

P07

Movement

Compare how both move.

Name the visible movement they share.

P08

Movement

Notice a shared direction.

Use movement you can actually see.

P09

Movement

Notice both staying still.

Confirm neither is moving right now.

P10

Known purpose

Name a familiar shared use.

Choose a purpose you know for both.

P11

Known purpose

Compare how people use both.

Explain one shared use you already know.

P12

Known purpose

Name a job both can do.

Use a known function; do not guess.

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