



Railway Challenge

Solve a railway problem that puts both the train and piglet at risk.

Helps Your Child Grow



Reasoning and Problem-Solving

Unexpected problems on the toy railway invite your child to suggest a solution, predict what might happen, test the idea, and adjust the plan.

Steps

- Build a track, start the train, and invite your child to become the railway safety officer.
- Create a pretend emergency along the route and ask your child to find a solution.
- For example, place a piglet on the track: “The train is getting close to the piglet. What can we do?”
- Let your child propose and try an idea, such as moving the piglet or stopping the train. Ask, “Why did you choose that?” and “What do you think will happen?”
- Occasionally add a constraint: “The train is too close to move the piglet first. What else could work?” Give your child time to adjust the plan.
- If the attempt does not work and the train bumps the piglet, continue from the new problem. Bring in a crane, tow truck, or ambulance and invent another solution together.

Tips

- Add new track surprises as the game becomes familiar: a broken section, a downhill stretch, a sharp turn, or an obstacle.

Observations

- ☐ Explains how their idea could solve the railway problem
- ☐ Shows concern for the pretend-injured piglet