



**STAT Lesson Plan for English Language Learners**  
**Car Seat Safety/Seguridad de los asientos de carro**

Lesson Duration: 45-60 minutes

*This lesson includes five different videos that are particular to different types of car seats. Please choose the video that best matches the user's needs. Be certain to emphasize the need to match the car seat to the child's age, weight, and height and to securely fasten all clips and buckles. Important: Everyone in the vehicle must buckle up as a safety precaution and because it's the law!*

**Standards (as needed or required):**

**Lesson Objectives:**

- Student will be able to **use** the target vocabulary related to car seat safety.
  - *El/la estudiante podrá utilizar el vocabulario relacionado a la seguridad del asiento del carro.*
- Student will be able to **match** words given with the correct image.
  - *El/la estudiante podrá emparejar las palabras dadas con la imagen correcta.*
- Student will be able to **identify** different types of car seats and how to install them safely.
  - *El/la estudiante podrá identificar diferentes tipos de asientos del carro y como instalarlos seguramente.*

**I Can Statements:**

- I can **use** the target vocabulary related to car seat safety.
  - *Puedo utilizar el vocabulario objetivo relacionado a la seguridad del asiento del carro.*
- I can **match** words given with the correct image.
  - *Puedo emparejar las palabras dadas con la imagen correcta.*
- I can **identify** different types of car seats and how to install them properly.
  - *Puedo identificar diferentes tipos de asientos del carro y como instalarlos seguramente.*

**Materials Needed**

- Laptop or other mobile device (optional)
- Lesson Plan
- [Vocabulary & Image Guide Sheet](#)
- [Vocabulary Practice Worksheet](#) & [Vocabulary Practice Answer Key](#)
- [Vocabulary Images](#) (Paper Flashcards)
- Quizlet Activities: [Flashcards](#)
- EdPuzzle Videos:
  - [Installing Rear-Facing Infant Car Seat with Seat Belt](#)
  - [Installing Rear-Facing Convertible Car Seat with LATCH System](#)
  - [Installing Forward-Facing Car Seat with Seat Belt](#)
  - [Installing Forward-Facing Car Seat with LATCH System](#)

- [How to Install a Child Booster Seat - Penn State Health Children's Hospital](#)
- Copies of [Pre-Test](#), [Post-Test](#) & [Test Answer Key](#)

### Optional Learning Tools:

- [Car Seat Recommendations for Children \(ENGLISH\)](#) & [\(SPANISH\)](#)
- [Car Seat Safety Checkup \(ENGLISH\)](#) & [\(SPANISH\)](#)

### Target Vocabulary

- Infant carrier
- Combination seat
- Convertible seat
- Booster seat
- Expiration date
- Forward-facing
- Rear-facing
- Back seat
- Seatbelt
- Lap
- Buckle
- Weight limit
- Height limit
- LATCH (Lower Anchors & Tethers for Children)
- Anchor
- Tether
- Strap
- Base
- Harness
- Install
- Fasten
- Clip

### Target Sentences

- There are four types of car seats.
- An infant carrier goes in the middle of the back seat.
- A combination car seat grows with the baby.
- A convertible car seat is for toddlers.
- A booster seat is for older children.
- Check the expiration date on the car seat.
- Install a forward-facing car seat for toddlers and older.
- Install a rear-facing car seat for infants.
- Children under 13 should always sit in the back seat of the car.
- Buckle up; it's the law.
- Fasten the seatbelt buckle.
- Car seats have specific weight and height limits.
- Use the LATCH system if the car was built after 2002.

- Tighten the straps across the child's shoulders and lap.
- Install the car seat base before attaching the infant carrier.
- Adjust and secure the harness of the child's car seat.
- Fasten the clip across the child's chest.

### Pre-Test Questions

1. Which are examples of car seats?
2. Where should the infant carrier be installed?
3. Fill in the blank: \_\_\_\_\_ Up; It's the law.
4. All car seats have an expiration date. (T/F)
5. Match the correct word with the image.

### Lesson Instructions

**Language Note:** *The following lesson may be taught in the students' native language for beginning English Language Learners. If your students are more advanced, these same lessons can be taught using as much English as is appropriate.*

While there may be a variety of available activities, it is important to select the particular activities that can be used for group or individual practice to meet the needs of the students. The objective is for students to practice with engaging activities that will enable them to practice what they are learning.

### Introduction/Opener/Activate Prior Knowledge

- What do you already know about this topic?
- Ideas for questions to begin discussion:
  - Example: In what situations would I use these words?

### Introduce Key Vocabulary

Distribute the Vocabulary & Image Guide. Instructor will introduce each word in English and Spanish, and practice pronunciation.

- Practice out loud as a group.
- Say the terms in English and have students repeat.
- Give students feedback with pronunciation.
- Repeat the term and give feedback until the student closely mimics your pronunciation.
- Flashcards on Quizlet (or paper)
  - English-Spanish - Students can switch to start with Spanish.
  - English to image
  - English with descriptions

- Comprehension activities on Quizlet
- Interpretive comprehension activities with videos using EdPuzzle
  - Show one or all of the short EdPuzzle videos explaining how to install the different types of car seats. Instructor can choose the videos most relevant to their students.
    - [Installing Rear-Facing Infant Car Seat with Seat Belt](#)
    - [Installing Rear-Facing Convertible Car Seat with LATCH System](#)
    - [Installing Forward-Facing Car Seat with Seat Belt](#)
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    - [How to Install a Child Booster Seat - Penn State Health Children's Hospital](#)
- Vocabulary Practice Worksheet

### Extension Activity/Connections to Other Topics

- Use simple dialogue scripts to role play. Learners read a role.  
*Setting: Mom brings the car seat to the local fire department for help with installation.*
  - **Mom:** Hello, could you help me with my car seat, please?
  - **Firefighter:** Sure. How old is your child?
  - **Mom:** My daughter is 2 years old.
  - **Firefighter:** Ok. What is her weight and height?
  - **Mom:** She is 80 centimeters and 9 kilos.
  - **Firefighter:** Let me check that in inches and pounds. So she is about 31.5 inches and 20 pounds?
  - **Mom:** That sounds about right.
  - **Firefighter:** So she should still be in an infant carrier. Do you have one?
  - **Mom:** Yes. How do I put it in?
  - **Firefighter:** The best place to put it is in the middle of the back seat. Which is your car?
  - **Mom:** My car is the red 2000 Chevy over there.
  - **Firefighter:** Ok so your car is too old for the LATCH system but you can install it by passing the seat belt through the back of the infant carrier base.
  - **Mom:** Like this?
  - **Firefighter:** Yes. Tighten the straps so that it doesn't move more than an inch.
  - **Mom:** Ok, it's tight, but it looks uneven.
  - **Firefighter:** Right. Look at the level on the side of the base and make sure it's in the middle.
  - **Mom:** Ok, got it. Now what?
  - **Firefighter:** Just click the infant carrier into the base.
  - **Mom:** Oh great! I feel better now that my baby will ride safely! Thank you!

### Post-Test Questions

1. Which are examples of car seats?
2. Where should the infant carrier be installed?
3. Fill in the blank: \_\_\_\_\_ Up; It's the law.
4. All car seats have an expiration date. (T/F)
5. Match the correct word with the image.

**Bonus Question:** What are some factors to consider when choosing the type of car seat for your child?

### Wrap-Up/What Have Students Learned?

- Revisit the “I can” statements at the beginning of the lesson to determine what students have learned and what they can practice more on their own.

### Next Steps for Individual Student Practice

- Students practice using their new vocabulary and phrases in the real world.

### Instructor Reflection

- When did students struggle?
- When did students experience success?
- Where to continue for the next lesson?
- Other ideas for the future?

### For More Information

- Safety & Prevention - [healthychild.org](https://www.healthychild.org)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - <https://www.nhtsa.gov/>