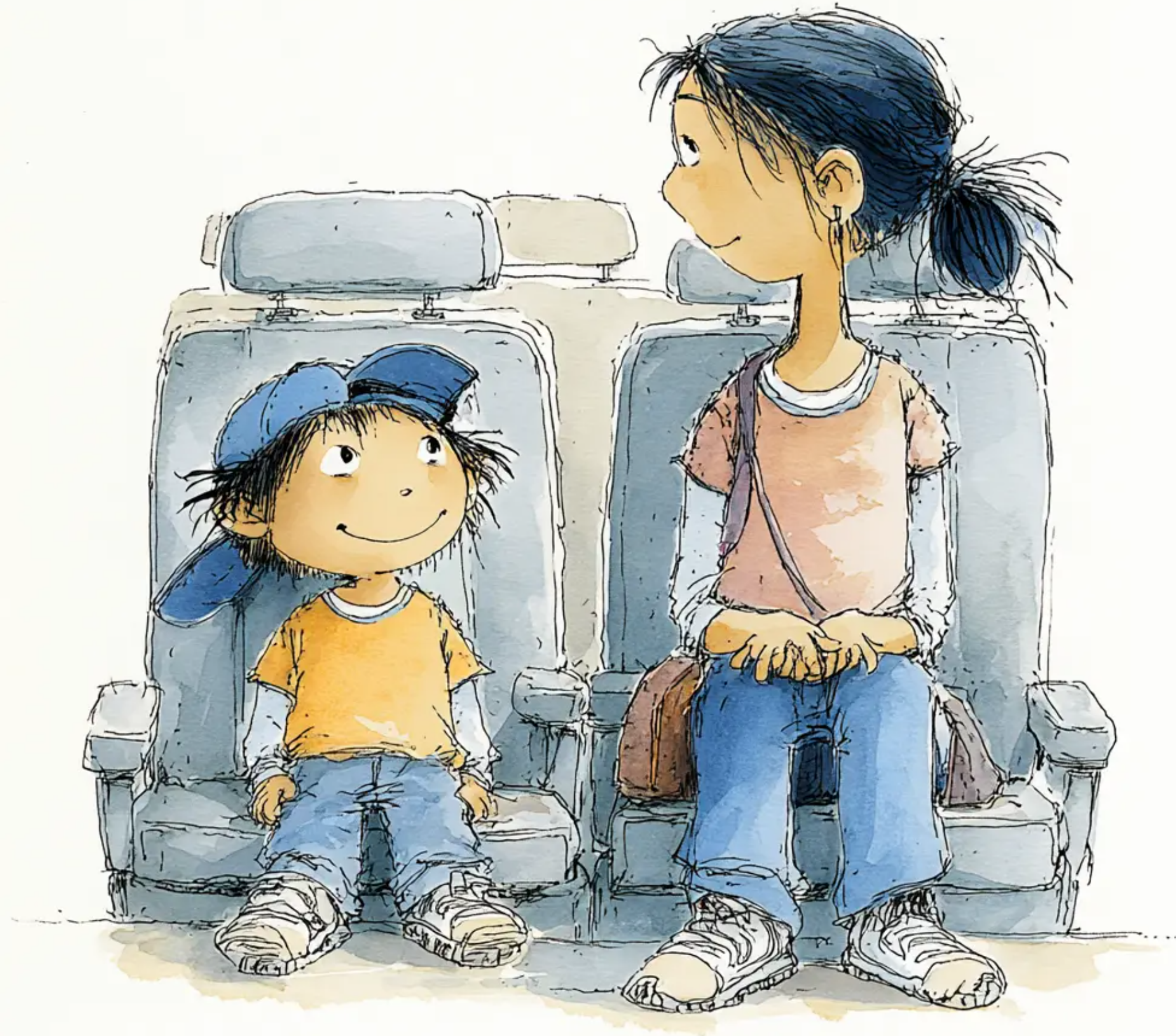


Xiaohulu's Car Counting Adventure



Vroom, vroom. Achan is driving.
Xiaohulu's Mama sits in the back.
Next, Xiaohulu sits in his car seat, looking out the window.



Real-life Context

**“Beep-beep! We’re in a line to pick up our food!” Xiaohulu says.
“Look, Mama! I see five cars in front!”
He twists around. “And two cars behind us!”**



Notice Math

**Mama smiles. “Wow! Such an interesting observation.
I wonder... how many cars are waiting altogether?”
Xiaohulu scrunches his nose, thinking hard.
“Umm... I don’t know... Seven? Is it seven?”**



Challenge Time!

Do you agree with Xiaohulu that there are seven cars in the line? Why or why not?

Can you show Xiaohulu what you think with a drawing? Share your work with others!



**Mama asks softly, “How did you get seven?”
Xiaohulu grins. “I counted—five in front, and two behind.
So, five... then six, seven. Seven!”**



Mama tilts her head. "Oh, I see. But wait... where are we?"
Xiaohulu giggles. "We're in the car!"
Mama leans closer, smiling. "In what?"

**Xiaohulu bursts out laughing. "A car! Haha! We're also a car!
That makes... EIGHT!"**

**Mama smiled and responded. "You did it!"
Xiaohulu shouts, "Doing math sometimes is tricky, but fun!"**



Challenge Time!

Can you use numbers and symbols to show
how Xiaohulu figured out 8?
I wonder what your answer is. Can you
share it with me?