

Spotter's Guide: On the Road to the Romans

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Edition

How to Play:

- Look out of the window as you travel and tick the things you see.
- Each sighting earns points — can you collect the full score before you arrive?

Things to Spot

No.	Item	Points	Tick if Spotted
1	Temple Sowerby bridge	10	☐
2	A road sign for Brougham	15	☐
3	Orange Hi-vis jackets worn by project workers	5	☐
4	Sheep grazing near the road	5	☐
5	A National Highways A66 project sign	10	☐
6	A tractor	5	☐
7	A Buzzard or other bird of prey circling overhead	15	☐
8	A lorry with a local company name on it	5	☐
9	Stone walls snaking across the hills	5	☐
10	Excavator or digger at a work site	10	☐

Bonus Challenges

- Engineering Marvel: Spot a huge crane, piling rig, or bridge construction (+15)
- Wildlife Wonder: See a hare, fox, or deer in a field (+20)
- History Hunter: Spot a castle, tower, or old stone ruin (+15)

Scoring

- 0–30 points: Rookie spotter
- 35–60 points: Sharp-eyed traveller
- 65+ points: A66 spotting champion!

Fun Fact:

The A66 follows parts of an ancient Roman route — so when you see those straight stretches of road, you might be looking along lines laid out nearly 2,000 years ago!

Tips for Grown-Ups

This activity is great for starting conversations:

- Ask children to describe what they see.
- Link it to local history (e.g. Brougham Castle).
- Discuss wildlife behaviour or farming seasons.