

LESSON: The Keyboard Game¹**Grade Level: K****OBJECTIVES:**

Students will:

- Introduce themselves to their classmates
- Speak impromptu
- Tell a story about themselves
- Listen to stories about their classmates
- Have fun

MATERIALS:

Keys from a computer keyboard that has been taken apart

PRESENTATION:

I pulled all these keys off one keyboard. If one of the keys weren't working any more, then it wouldn't be possible to work the computer to its full potential. Each key brings a unique attribute to the keyboard, as each of you brings something special to our classroom.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Have each child select a key while he or she is entering the classroom.
2. When you are ready to start the game, tell them--
 - "Look at the key you selected. What is something about you that starts with the letter on the key?"
 - "How can you use the key to show something special that you bring to our class?"
 - Use your key to introduce yourself to the rest of the group.
3. Have students use the keys to talk about something they have learned during the time they have been doing *Clean and Green*.

Variation--

1. Give each child in the class a key, and then ask them to use the key as a starting point for an impromptu speech about themselves, or the topics you've been exploring in *Clean and Green*.
2. Have students use the key they're holding to describe something for which they're thankful and why.
3. Or tell them, "The key you're holding actually represents a vitamin. What part of you does the vitamin help?"

¹ Adapted from Teach Me Teamwork,
<http://www.teachmeteamwork.com/teachmeteamwork/2005/10/index.html>
Keep Iowa Beautiful, Kindergarten Social Studies
Lesson: Keyboard Game & Three Letter Word Forming

Processing through the Six Pillars:

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WHAT

- What does your key say about what you bring to the classroom?
- What did you learn about your classmates?

SO WHAT

- Is it hard or easy to say something special about you to others? (it's not bragging)

NOW WHAT

- Now that you know how you can be a part of the classroom success... can you promise to do your best to contribute to the classroom success?