

DO YOU KNOW YOUR KEYS?

Dog House

House

C
cat

D
dog

E
eat

F
front door

G
grapes

A
apples

B
back door

are what we give our guests inside!

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The keyboard has a pattern of black and white keys that helps you to know the names of the keys. The black keys are in sets of 2 and 3. Here's a silly story that will help you to learn the names of every white key on the piano at your very first lesson!

Everywhere there is a group of 2 black keys is a dog house. Who lives in the dog house? The dog, of course! The key inside the dog house is "D" for DOG. We have a cat and a dog, and they eat. The three keys surrounding each set of 2 black keys are "**C, D, E.**"

Everywhere there is a group of 3 black keys is a people house. The house has a front door and a back door. The key to the left of the 3 black key group is "F" for front door. The key to the right of the 3 black key group is "B" for back door. When guests come to my house for the first time they come in through the front door because they are strangers. I serve them grapes and apples. When they leave, they are now my good friends, so they leave out the back door. The four keys surrounding each set of 3 black keys are front door, grapes, apples, back door, "**F, G, A, B.**"

Teachers and Parents: Print a copy of the handout on cardstock and laminate it. Cut out the roofs and pictures of the dog, cat, bowl, fruit, and doors. Allow the child to place these items on the keys while retelling the story. Here's an idea – use a piece of candy for "eat" instead of the bowl. When the child is done with the story the candy can be eaten (by the child, not the teacher!) as a reward.