```
case 'B':
    printf("The B key.\n");
    break;
case 'C':
case 'D':
    printf("The C or D keys.\n");
    break;
default:
    printf("I don't know that key.\n");
}
```

Suppose that key is a single-character variable containing a character that was just typed at the keyboard. Here are three examples of how it would work:

**Example 1:** Suppose that the key variable contains the letter *A*. The program works:

```
switch(key)
```

Pick a key! So, key equals big A. Mosey on down the case list:

```
case 'A':
```

Yup, we have a match. The value of key equals the constant, big A. Execute those statements:

```
printf("The A key.\n");
```

Message printed. Then:

```
break;
```

Bail out of the switch-case thing. I'm done.



If you didn't bail out at this point, the rest of the statements in the switch-case structure would be executed *no matter what*.

**Example 2:** Suppose that a user presses the C key. Here's how it works:

```
switch(key)
```

key is a C. It's time to check the case statements for a match:

```
case 'A':
```