



ISSUE



A British computer magazine has discovered our computer **keyboards** could be bad for our health. “Which Computing?” asked a **laboratory** to check 30 keyboards in its London office for **bacteria**. The results were shocking, and **disgusting**. The lab scientists said five of the keyboards they tested put people at risk of illness. One keyboard contained 150 times more bacteria than health officials say is safe. Its test results showed it was five times dirtier than a **toilet seat**. The researchers said the germs they found could easily cause symptoms similar to food poisoning, such as **diarrhea** and upset stomachs. They named these illnesses “QWERTY tummy,” after the first six letters on the keyboard. The magazine recommended people clean their keyboards regularly to stay healthy if you don't clean your computer, you might as well eat your lunch in the toilet.

Vocabulary



Keyboard



Bacteria



Toilet Seat



Response

1. How could keyboards be bad for our health? If so, give proof as mentioned in the article.
2. Who do you think the author is writing the text for? Why?
3. What is the purpose of the author in writing the text?



Express Yourself

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What are the changes in your point of view as you read the passage?
3. What can you do to inform other people about this fact?
4. How are you going to protect yourself from the bacteria from your own keyboard?