DRAFT EDITION

Steal-a-Word!

Wobbleloft BOOKS

A read-aloud activity for *Give It Back, Pinch!* For kindergarten and junior classes (ages 3–7). Whole group, 15–20 minutes.

The class line: GIVE IT BACK, PINCH!

1. **Before reading (2 min).** Show the cover. "This is a kea. Kea are real parrots from the South Island. What do you think a kea might pinch?" Practise the class line together.
2. **During reading (10 min).** Follow each Your Turn prompt as a whole class: shake your hands for "shake the book", wiggle one finger for "tickle", count 1–5 in tiny voices, blow together, and when the book turns upside down, do a kea call: "KEE-AAA!"
3. **Steal-a-Word game (5 min).** Cover a word in a familiar rhyme or class chart with a green paper "feather" sticky note. Children guess the missing word from the rhyme, then shout "GIVE IT BACK, PINCH!" to reveal it.
4. **Follow-up (optional).** "What would Pinch pinch next?" Children draw Pinch with something shiny in his beak (page 2), or hunt for Pip the wētā in the book.
5. **Fact corner.** Share the facts below, and the most important one: never feed kea.

Fact corner

- Kea live only in New Zealand, in the mountains and forests of the South Island.
- Kea are Nationally Endangered. Never feed kea, because it's harmful to them.
- Tuatara are the only survivors of a reptile group from the age of the dinosaurs.

Words in the book

Word	Say it like	Means
kea	keh-ah	mountain parrot
tuatara	too-ah-tah-rah	ancient reptile
wētā	weh-taah	large native insect
rātā	raah-taah	red-flowering native tree

In real life these animals don't all live in the same place, but in a story anything can happen. Facts: Department of Conservation (doc.govt.nz). Pronunciation notes pending te reo Māori review. © Wobbleloft Books. Free to print and share for non-commercial use.

What would Pinch pinch next?

Draw Pinch flying off with something shiny in his beak!

Ooh, shiny!
Mine! Bye!



Pinch pinched the _____ !

My name is _____

Spot it! Pip the wētā is hiding on every page of the story. Can you find him, and his best friend the tiny frog?