

**Characters (20 character version\*)**

<b>Kameelah/Kameel (M/F)</b>	-	Lead
<b>Jade (M/F)</b>	-	Green Group
<b>Kelly (M/F)</b>	-	Green Group
<b>Fern (M/F)</b>	-	Green Group
<b>Olive (M/F)</b>	-	Green Group
<b>Hunter (M/F)</b>	-	Green Group
<b>Captain (M/F)</b>	-	Baseball Group
<b>Coach (M/F)</b>	-	Baseball Group
<b>Fan (M/F)</b>	-	Baseball Group
<b>Goal (M/F)</b>	-	Baseball Group
<b>Player (M/F)</b>	-	Baseball Group
<b>Novella (M/F)</b>	-	Reading Group
<b>Chap (M/F)</b>	-	Reading Group
<b>Haiku (M/F)</b>	-	Reading Group
<b>Sonnet (M/F)</b>	-	Reading Group
<b>Limerick (M/F)</b>	-	Reading Group
<b>Solo (M/F)</b>	-	No Group
<b>Lone (M/F)</b>	-	No Group
<b>Unique (M/F)</b>	-	No Group
<b>Individual (M/F)</b>	-	No Group

\*15 and 30 character versions are included in the download

## Scene 1 - Recess at the Perfect Elementary School

(Kameelah, a new student at the school, enters the backyard of the school full of students playing together in their respective groups: “The Green Group,” “The Baseball Group,” “The Reading Group,” and four students playing alone. Kameelah, with her bright attitude, takes a deep breath and smiles widely. The backdrop for the set is a drawing or painting of a school called “The Perfect Elementary School” with trees.)

**Song 1 – The Perfect BFF (this song incorporates all the students, it’s an opening number with Kameelah in a leading role))**

**Kameelah:**

Starting from scratch, First day of school,  
Gonna go out and play it cool.  
I’m gonna make friends, and they’re gonna rule.

Today is the day, Now is the time,  
I know that friends are hard to find.  
But I’ve just got one thing that’s on my mind.

I’ve got to be smooth, I’ve got to take a chance.  
If I give it my all,  
In a perfect circumstance, oh you know.

I’ll find me a best friend, The best I ever had.  
A perfect best friend,  
A friendship that will last, oh ooh oh.  
I’ll find me a best friend,  
The best I ever had.  
I’m gonna find my best friend,  
A best friend, a best friend, a best friend A perfect best friend.

**Baseball group:**

Baseball is life, come join our team.

**Green group:**

Do you like the color green?

**Book group:**

We can be friends if you like to read.

**Book group:**

A perfect friend is a friend who’s the same.

**Baseball group:**

Who loves what we love, who wants to play our game.

**Green group:**

If you aren’t perfect, then that’s such a shame.

**Imperfect group:**

If you want to be friends,  
We would take a chance.  
It doesn’t have to be perfect,  
A perfect song and dance, oh you know.

**All groups:**

You want to be best friends, The best you ever had.  
A perfect best friend,  
A friendship that will last, oh ooh oh.  
You want to be best friends,  
The best you ever had.  
You wanna find a best friend,  
A best friend, a best friend, a best friend, A perfect best friend.

**(All the students except for Kameelah walk off the stage.)**

**Kameelah:** Okay, where to start...where to start?

**(Kameelah walks around the yard and the “Green” group, including Jade, Kelly, Fern, Olive, and Hunter enter and form a group where they mimic chit chatting. They stand in two clusters, one of three people and one of two. Kameelah eyes the group.)**

**Kameelah:** Well, the people over here seem to like the colour green...and I like the colour green! My perfect BFF is probably *in that group!*

**(Kameelah confidently marches over to the “Green” group.)**

**Kameelah:** Hello, everyone! My name is Kameelah, I’m new here at “The Perfect Elementary School.” And I like the colour green!

**(The entire group stares back at her and at each other. They’re surprised by her enthusiasm.)**

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**Jade:** Well, any lover of green is welcome here. What shade of green is your favourite?

**Kameelah:** **(thinking and surprised by the question)** Umm...

**Kelly:** Okay, well if you’re not sure of the shade, what is your favourite green plant?

**Kameelah:** Well, I guess I hadn’t thought about...

**Fern:** You hadn’t? How could you not? We know all of our favourite green things in the world.

**Olive:** Okay, well, you say green is your favourite colour, but you’re not wearing any green?

**Kameelah:** Oh, I guess not today.

**Hunter:** Not today? We wear only green every single day. I thought you said green was your favourite colour?

**Kameelah:** No, I said I like the colour green.

**Jade:** Okay, well, we’d love to have you part of this group, but there are a few ground rules we need to go over first.

**Kameelah:** Okay?

**Kelly:** First rule, we don’t only wear green, we also only participate in activities that have green at their center.

**Kameelah:** What does that mean?

**Fern:** Well, we do a lot of earth days. You know, lots of composting.

**Kameelah:** Okay, that's great, but do you do anything for fun?

**Olive:** The earth is fun. Well, we think the earth is fun. Don't you?

**Kameelah:** Of course, but...okay, what else do you do together?

**Hunter:** We like to paint and colour, we're really into art.

**(Everyone in the Green Group nods their head.)**

**Kameelah:** I love art, but can I paint with colours other than green?

**Jade:** Of course not. But you can paint with all the various shades of green available! And there are so many, trust us you'll be fine.

**Kelly:** You'll get used to it. You'll get creative.

**Fern:** I'm really into fashion, so I like to sew my clothes and I make clothes for all my friends, what's your size?

**Kameelah:** Oh, I'm not sure...and all the clothes are...

**Olive:** Green, obviously. Trust us, it gets hard to find such a variety of clothes that are green. You'll thank us later!

**Hunter:** I now have 10 green pairs of jeans, all different shades. It's exciting.

**Kameelah:** Okay, well how about this idea...we also wear different colours along with green?

**Jade:** Excuse me?

**Kelly:** Did she just say...

**Fern:** Instead of green?

**Olive:** No, just no.

**Hunter:** I'm just wondering why we would do that.

**Kameelah:** Well, you can still love green and wear other colours sometimes, right?

**(The entire Green team shake their head "no" in unison. They get into position for the song and Kameelah moves off to the side.)**

**(Song 2 – The Perfect Colour)**

**Green group:** I like green.  
It is my favourite colour.  
Top of my list, no there isn't any other.

“Is that the only colour that you like?”  
Well, I got a green hat, green pants, a green bike.  
I fly a green kite, cause it just feels right.  
It's never gonna stop, just like a green light.  
I love every shade,  
From olive to neon and jade. Please, let me explain.

It's not that I don't like red,  
It's just that I'd rather have green instead.  
It's not that I don't like blue,  
It's just that green makes me feel so cool.

It's not that I don't like yellow,  
It's just that, when I see green, I say "hello!"  
It's not that other colours are bad,  
It's just that green is the best, understand?

So if you want to be on the team,  
There's only one rule, you gotta like green.

**(The song ends and Kameelah re-approaches the group. She seems a little down, while the members of the Green Group are proud of themselves.)**

**Jade:** So, that's how we feel about it.

**Kelly:** If you want to be part of this group, it's got to be all green, all the time.

**Fern:** We don't make any exceptions, none, zero, zippo.

**Olive:** That's why we all get along so well, that's why we're all best friends.

**Hunter:** Yep, because we all like green and nothing else. It's the perfect match!

**Kameelah:** **(Sadly)** Well, I was hoping I would find my perfect BFF in this group, I like green, but I like all kinds of colours in the rainbow as well. I guess this isn't my perfect fit, I'll keep looking. Bye.

**(Kameelah waves good-bye to the Green Group. The Green Group exits. Kameelah walks around the yard and the "Baseball" group, including Captain, Coach, Fan, Goal, and Player enter and begin to mimic playing catch. Some members throw the invisible ball higher making the catcher have to run back to catch it, others have to leap forward to grab their ball.)**

**Kameelah:** Well, this group seems to like baseball...and I like baseball! My perfect BFF is probably *in that group!*

**(Kameelah confidently marches over to the "Baseball" group.)**

**Kameelah:** Hello, everyone! My name is Kameelah, I'm new here at "The Perfect Elementary School." And I like baseball!

**(The entire group stares back at her and at each other. They're taken aback, but like her enthusiasm.)**

**Captain:** Well, any lover of baseball is welcome here! What's your favourite position?

**Kameelah:** Umm...well...

**Coach:** Infield? Outfield? Pitcher? Catcher?

**Kameelah:** Well, I guess I hadn't thought...

**Fan:** You hadn't thought? Well, why not? It's the best sport in the world.

**Goal:** You said you like baseball, right? Well, why don't you know anything about the sport?

**Kameelah:** No, I like it, I just...I guess I just like running the bases.

**Player:** Well, there's a lot more to baseball than that. I mean there's strategy...

**Captain:** Teamwork...training...do you know *anything* about baseball at all?

**Kameelah:** Well, I'm interested in learning more!

**Coach:** Well, that's the right attitude. And we're definitely the right people to teach you.

**Kameelah:** Well, great! And I can teach you about tennis, that's a great sport that I love to play, too! Oh, and soccer...and...

**(The group all looks at each other and shake their heads.)**

**Fan:** **(interrupting Kameelah)** No, no, no, no, we *only* play baseball.

**Goal:** We only watch baseball, we only talk about baseball.

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**Player:** As far as we're concerned, "baseball" is the only sport in the entire world.

**Kameelah:** But, don't you think it would be fun if one day we play baseball and another day we play, I don't know, soccer? Maybe even play badminton one day?

**(The group looks disgusted and they all shake their heads.)**

**Captain:** Soccer? Is she serious? Soccer?

**Coach:** What will she say next, we should start figure skating?

**(The whole team starts to laugh while Kameelah looks a little embarrassed and shy.)**

**Fan:** We'd love to have you part of this group, but baseball has to be your only sport.

**Goal:** We don't just play baseball, we also watch games, we analyze them, and it's all we talk about.

**Player:** You need to fit like a glove with us, and that means all baseball, all day. No exceptions.

**Kameelah:** Well, I don't know if I can do that. I want to play all kinds of sports, including baseball. Wouldn't it be nice to play all kinds of sports together?

**(Members of the "Baseball" group look at each other and contemplate the thought for a moment...and then shake their heads furiously.)**

**Captain:** You have some good ideas, and I'm sure your heart is in the right place.  
**Coach:** Absolutely, but we're really committed to baseball.  
**Fan:** Before school, we play baseball, during recess, we play baseball, after school, we play baseball.  
**Goal:** It's pretty simple really. And when we're not playing baseball, we're talking about playing baseball.  
**Player:** **(to Kameelah)** You're following us, right? **(to the group)** She's following us, right? Well, just in case, let us show you.

**(The entire Baseball team gets into position for the song and Kameelah moves off to the side.)**

**(Song 3 – The Perfect Game)**

**Baseball group:** The wind, the breeze, it's blowing through my hair.  
I hit, the ball, it's flying through the air.  
I love that baseball, that baseball, I love it all, all, all.  
  
I run the base, I'm sliding into first,  
My shirt, my face, is covered in some dirt.  
But that's just baseball, that's baseball, I love it all, all all.  
  
We wanna play, play all of the time.  
It is the greatest game I've ever played in my life.  
We wanna play, play all of the time.  
Like all day,  
What else can I say? It's the perfect game

**(The song ends and Kameelah re-approaches the group.)**

**Kameelah:** Well, I think it's really cool that you all love baseball so much.  
**Captain:** We're sorry this isn't the perfect fit for you.  
**Coach:** Yeah, I think you'd make a great shortstop.  
**Fan:** When you're ready to swing for the fences...you know...exclusively, let us know.  
**Goal:** Until then, we'll be out at the ball game.  
**Player:** Good luck, we hope you find your perfect place.  
**Kameelah:** **(Sadly)** Well, I was hoping I would find my perfect BFF in this group. I like baseball, but I like all kinds of sports as well. I guess this isn't my perfect fit, I'll keep looking. Bye.

**(Kameelah waves good-bye to the whole group. The Baseball Group exits. Kameelah walks around the yard and the "Reading" group, including Novella, Chap, Haiku, Sonnet, and Limerick enter and immediately sit down with books and start reading.)**

**Kameelah:** Well, this group seems to like to read...and I like reading! My perfect BFF is probably *in that group!*

**(Kameelah confidently marches over to the “Reading” group.)**

**Kameelah:** Hello, everyone! My name is Kameelah, I’m new here at “The Perfect Elementary School.” And I like to read!

**(The entire group stares back at her and at each other. They jump up from their sitting positions enthusiastically.)**

**Novella:** Well, any lover of reading is welcome here! What’s your favourite book?

**Kameelah:** Hmm, well I don’t know, I just love all of them.

**Chap:** Well, that’s really nice, but we take books very seriously in this group.

**Kameelah:** Okay, well how seriously are we talking here?

**Haiku:** We all have a top 5 list of our favourite books... In every genre.

**Sonnet:** And if you’re wondering, we count 50 genres and sub-genres.

**Kameelah:** Wow, that’s a lot, I didn’t even know there were that many genres.

**Limerick:** You didn’t? Well, how many genres do you know?

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**Kameelah:** Well, I don’t know, I guess i’ve never counted them before.

**Novella:** Okay, so what’s the last book you read?

**Kameelah:** Oh, I know this, it was a book for school.

**(The entire “Reading” group sneers at this remark.)**

**Chap:** Oh, no, we don’t count “reading for school” as serious reading.

**Kameelah:** You don’t?

**Haiku:** Of course not, I mean reading because it’s homework? That just doesn’t count in our book.

**Sonnet:** Of course, because, let’s be real, you won’t read the works of Shakespeare until high school if you wait for it to be reading homework.

**Kameelah:** Oh well, I don’t only read for school. I just had a hard time thinking of my last book.

**Limerick:** My last 3 books were Anne of Green Gables, Where the Red Fern Grows, and Pride and Prejudice.



**Kameelah:** Well, I haven't read any of those books, but I'd love to!

**Novella:** I'm surprised, you don't seem to know much about the literary world.

**Kameelah:** Well, I mean, I like reading and, more importantly, I *love* learning more. Maybe you can all recommend one book and i'll read them!

**Chap:** Well, this is a serious group, a serious group for serious readers.

**Haiku:** We're very serious about reading.

**Kameelah:** But isn't reading supposed to be fun, too?

**Sonnet:** Sure, but it's secondary. We're not like the other groups around here, we don't just play around at recess.

**Limerick:** Absolutely. We believe in the art of reading, the art of literature. Let us tell you a little story.

**(The entire Reading team gets into position for the song and Kameelah moves off to the side.)**

**(Song 4 – The Perfect Book)**

**Reading group:** My eyes,  
On this page,  
I get lost and wander all day. When you really look,  
You can see the magic of a book.

History, Or fiction,  
They both fit my fun description.

I just love to read,  
Whether it's the truth or make believe.

I can't wait, to turn the page,  
And learn all about the stars in space. Or read about the brain,  
And learn a lot of things. Yeah, I just wanna read all day.

**(The song ends and Kameelah re-approaches the group.)**

**Kameelah:** I see that you do take reading seriously, but you know, I spoke with the Green group and the Baseball group and they are also very serious...

**Novella:** **(cutting off)** Whoa, whoa, whoa, what? You were spending time with other groups?

**Chap:** We thought you were interested in reading. You said you love books!

**Haiku:** Yeah, love books, but couldn't name one. Do you think you belong in this group?

**Sonnet:** I'm sorry, I'm getting mixed messages, do you want to be part of our group or another group?

**Limerick:** Yeah, what are you trying to do? Are you trying to fit into a group that you

don't really belong in? Unbelievable.

- Kameelah:** No, I like the colour green, I like sports, and I like to read. I love all of these things and more!
- Novella:** That's not how it works, we all stay in our own group, we don't mix between groups.
- Kameelah:** But...wouldn't it be nice if we all played together? People could be part of different groups on different days? We could mix it up a bit?
- Chap:** That's very disorganised, very chaotic, very imperfect.
- Haiku:** It would never work either. Who has that many interests, anyway?

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- Sonnet:** No one I know. And if someone from another group came here, maybe they wouldn't be interested in books the same way we are.
- Limerick:** Yeah, it just wouldn't be the same. Well, good luck, we hope you find your perfect place.
- Kameelah:** **(Sadly)** Well, I was hoping I would find my perfect BFF in this group. I like to read, but maybe I just don't know enough about all the genres for it to really be my thing. I guess this isn't my perfect fit. Bye.
- (Kameelah waves good-bye to the whole group. The Reading Group exits. Kameelah walks around the stage sadly, with her head down. Meanwhile, Solo, Lone, Unique, and Individual walk onto the stage and are spread out two on each side with a large, empty space in the middle. Kameelah settles in this free middle place and lets out a loud, long, and sad sigh.)**
- Solo:** **(to Lone)** You're spending another recess alone?
- Lone:** **(to Solo)** As usual. **(to Unique)** Haven't found a group yet?
- Unique:** **(to Lone)** Nope, turns out there's no group where I fit perfectly enough yet. **(to Individual)** What about you?
- Individual:** **(to Unique)** Same story. I thought I could fit into the unicorn group pretty perfectly, but I voiced my doubt that unicorns are real and got kicked out.
- (Individual shrugs their shoulders, and Solo, Lone, and Unique nod their heads and stand sadly.)**
- Kameelah:** **(to themselves)** Perfect! Perfect, perfect, perfect. I'm starting to think there's no such thing as the perfect BFF.
- Solo:** Yeah! Why do I have to fit perfectly in one group?
- Lone:** Yeah! Why can't I love more than one activity and play with different friends from different groups?
- Unique:** Yeah! And sometimes I like enjoying an activity that I'm not very good at,

and you know what, I think that's okay?

**Individual:** Yeah! And why can't I just change my mind one day?

**Kameelah:** **(with confidence and speaking at a higher volume)** Yeah, maybe I don't even want to be perfect!

**(Solo, Lone, Unique, and Individual all gasp in horror and delight. But they start getting excited.)**

**Solo:** This changes everything! I could play with the green group one day...

**Lone:** ...and play baseball the next!

**Unique:** And one day I could read all day...

**Individual:** ...and the next day I could...do whatever I want with whomever I want!

**(Solo, Lone, Unique, and Individual all nod their heads and affirm each other's statements.)**

**Kameelah:** And I don't need to have one perfect BFF, I could have many different bffs who are completely imperfect!

**Solo:** We could even form our own group!

**Lone:** Yeah, it could be the everyone invited group!

**Unique:** You can only join if you're not perfect.

**Individual:** So, that means everyone!

**Kameelah:** I want to join! Can I be the first member?

**(Solo, Lone, Unique, Individual, and Kameelah nod their heads and they all form a little group and pat each other on the back, high five, and shake hands. The entire group gets into position for the song.)**

**(Song 5 – Everyone's Imperfect)**

**All:** I like baseball, I like to read,  
I also like things like the colour green.  
But that's not all, there's so much more,  
A whole world of things that I adore.  
We can still be friends, It doesn't all depend,  
On being perfect, a perfect fit, It's kind of cool to be different.

We have flaws, We make mistakes  
No, we're not perfect, And that's okay.  
We are all unique,  
We don't have to be the same, To be friendly.

We aren't, we aren't, we aren't perfect.  
We are, we are, we are imperfect.  
We aren't, we aren't,  
We aren't trying to be perfect. And that's perfect for me.

**(After the song ends, all the other groups come out and they stay firmly in their groups.)**

**Kameelah:** Everyone, gather around. We are announcing a new group!

**Solo:** It's a group that everyone can join and you don't have to fit perfectly at all.

**Lone:** And you can play with different people on different days.

**Unique:** And you can teach someone else about your interests.

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**Individual:** There are no rules except one: everyone is invited!

**Kameelah:** It's going to be the most positively imperfect group full of imperfect bffs! And that will make it imperfectly perfect!

**(All the other groups start to get excited and nod their heads, finally convinced to join. The entire company gets into position for the song.**

**(Song 6 – The Imperfect BFF)**

**All:** Today I learned, Now I can see,  
That even if we don't agree,  
You can still be a friend to me.

A perfect friend,  
Is a friend who knows,  
That we can have different plans and goals.  
And that is the way a perfect friendship grows.

We just have to be willing, To take a chance,  
To open our hearts,  
To understand, oh ooh oh.

That we can be best friends, The best we ever had.  
Imperfect best friends,  
But friends that make it last, oh ooh oh.  
Yeah, we can be best friends,  
The best we ever had.  
We are imperfect best friends,  
We're best friends, we're best friends, we're best friends.  
Imperfect best friends.

**(After the song ends, all of the students are mixed up, standing beside people from different groups.)**