

Welland Gouldsmith School

Class -3

Subject-English Language

Topic- Collective Nouns

Synopsis

What are collective nouns?

Nouns that name a collection or a group of people, animals or things are called collective nouns.

For example: look at these sentences

- A herd of cows are grazing in the field.
- The flock of sheep were in the field.
- He was chased by a swarm of flies.
- A school or shoal of fish were swimming in the river.
- An army or colony of ants were crawling on the table.
- Daddy left his bunch of keys in the car.

Some common nouns have special names when they are in a group. The words herd, flock, swarm, school, shoal, army, colony, and bunch are collective nouns used to refer to groups of cow, sheep flies, fish, ants and keys respectively. Instead of saying many cows or a group of cows are grazing in the field .We used the word 'herd' of cows are grazing in the field.

Now let us learn some more collective nouns

- A string of pearls.
- A clutch of eggs.
- A host of Angels.
- A bouquet of flowers.
- A crew of sailors.
- A range of mountains.
- A band of musicians.
- A library of books.
- A nest of mice.
- A fleet of ships.
- A litter of puppies or kittens.
- A gaggle of geese.
- A galaxy of stars
- A team of players
- A pride of lions
- A flight of stairs/ birds
- A pack of wolves
- A pod of dolphins
- A bundle of books / clothes
- A sloth of bears
- A bunch of grapes
- A heap of rubbish
- A choir of singers
- A shower of rain
- A gang of robbers
- A brood of hens
- An army of soldiers

### Worksheet

Fill in the blanks with collective nouns

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of mountains.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ of lion.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ of mice.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ of books.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ of musicians.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ of bees.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ of flowers.

Match the collective nouns to the phrase that should follow it

1. Deck.      of flowers
2. Litter.    of pearls
3. Pack.      of kittens
4. String.    of wolves
5. Bouquet.  of cards
6. Crowd.    of ships
7. Fleet      of people

Identify the collective noun

1. An angry crowd assembled in front of the restaurant.
2. My uncle hopes to raise a flock of sheep.
3. Our class voted to a picnic.
4. My dog has a new litter of puppies.
5. The box of crayons goes on the shelf.
6. This is a bunch of keys

Choose a collective noun from below

( Pod, crew, clutch, host , galaxy, gaggle , flight )

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of eggs
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ of angles
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ of sailors
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ of dolphins
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ of geese
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ of stars
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ of stairs.

Text book Exercise B and C pages 9 and 10.