

## Collective Nouns

### Definition

Collective Nouns are words that name a group of people, animals, or things considered as a single unit.

### Example:

- A team of players
- A flock of sheep
- A bouquet of flowers

### Examples of Common Collective Nouns

Collective Noun	Used For	Example Sentence
Army	Soldiers	An army of soldiers marched past us.
Team	Players	A team of players won the match.
Herd	Cattle, Elephants	A herd of elephants crossed the river.
Flock	Birds, Sheep	A flock of sheep grazed in the field.
Bunch	Grapes, Keys, Bananas	She gave me a bunch of grapes.
Bouquet	Flowers	He gifted her a bouquet of roses.
Crowd	People	A crowd of people gathered to protest.
Litter	Puppies	A litter of puppies was sleeping together.
Shoal	Fish	We saw a shoal of fish in the lake.



Collective Noun	Used For	Example Sentence
Pack	Wolves, Cards	A pack of wolves howled in the forest.
Gaggle	Geese	A gaggle of geese waddled across the yard.
Band	Musicians	A band of musicians played on the street.
Choir	Singers	A choir of singers performed in the concert.
Library	Books	A library of books is available in the hall.
Fleet	Ships	A fleet of ships sailed across the ocean.

## Grammar Byte

A collective noun refers to a group. It is singular in form but refers to many. It may take a singular or plural verb, depending on the context.

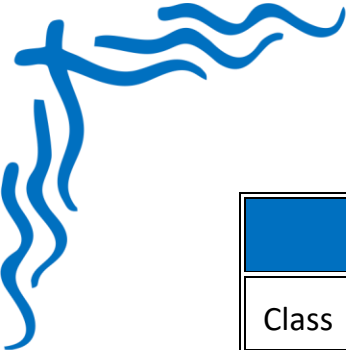
- **Correct:** The team is winning.
- **Correct:** The team are wearing their uniforms. (used when emphasizing individuals)

## Practice Structures

### A. Fill in the blanks (with collective nouns):

1. A bouquet of flowers
2. A fleet of ships
3. A pride of lions
4. A band of musicians
5. A flock of sheep

### B. Match the Following



Collective Noun	Group
Class	of students
Herd	of cattle
Bunch	of keys
Gaggle	of geese
Army	of soldiers
Team	of players
Fleet	of ships
Crowd	of people

### C. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) Examples:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of bees.

- (a) band
- (b) swarm
- (c) gang

**Answer:** (B)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ of students.

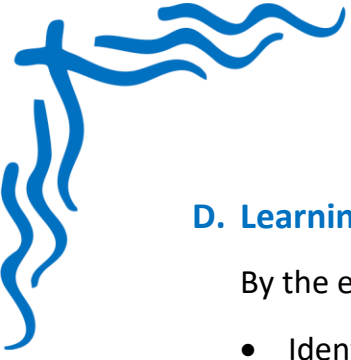
- (a) class
- (b) flock
- (c) gang

**Answer:** (A)

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ of fish.

- (a) pack
- (b) shoal
- (c) bunch

**Answer:** (B)



#### D. Learning Outcomes

By the end of this chapter, students should be able to:

- Identify collective nouns in sentences.
- Use collective nouns correctly in context.
- Understand the difference between common nouns and collective nouns.
- Apply subject-verb agreement with collective nouns.