

# **Collective Nouns**

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Students will identify collective nouns as words that represent a group of people, animals, or things, and use them appropriately in context.
- Students will construct sentences using collective nouns correctly, demonstrating their understanding of subject-verb agreement with collective terms.



Words that are the names of groups of persons, places, animals or things are called collective nouns.

#### Look at the pictures and read the words given below:



a bouquet of flowers



a herd of elephants



a flock of sheep



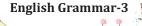
a team of players



a bunch of grapes



an army of soldiers







A bouquet is made up of a group of flowers.

A flock is made up of a group of sheep.

A bunch is made up of a group of grapes.

A herd is made up of a group of elephants.

A team is made up of a group of players.

An army is made up of a group of soldiers.



## **Grammar Byte**

Nouns only which refer to a collection of things are collective nouns.

**Example:** I lost a bunch of keys

bunch : collective noun
keys : common noun

## Example of Some More Collective Nouns

a bundle of clothes

a troop of monkeys

a gaggle of geese

a shoal of fish

a brood of chickens

a crowd of people

a library of books

a pride of lions

a pack of wolves

a bunch of keys

a basket of fruits

a range of mountains

a pack of cards

a gang of thieves

a box of crayons

a litter of puppies

a bowl of rice

a band of musicians

a bunch of bananas

a choir of singers



## A. Fill in the blanks with suitable collective nouns given in the box.

bouquet, litter, flock, band, school, army, crowd, pride, fleet

1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ of people watched the parade.

2. We saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of thieves stealing from a bank.

3. They saw a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of sheep on the hill.









|    | 4.   | We saw a   |  | of lions in                        | the forest.   |             |                             |
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|    | 5.   | Α  | of m   | of musicians played on the street. |               |             |                             |
|    | 6.   | We saw a   |  | of puppie                          | S.            |             |                             |
| •  | Mat  | ch the collect   | ive nouns to   | the phrase th                      | at should fol | low it.     |                             |
|    | 1.   | class  |  | (a)                                | of players    | Skills,     | /Level<br>ING/A1 13.0 (4.4) |
|    | 2.   | crowd  |  | (b)                                | of keys       |             |                             |
|    | 3.   | herd   |  | (c)                                | of soldiers   |             |                             |
|    | 4.   | bunch  |  | (d)                                | of students   | S           |                             |
|    | 5.   | gaggle   |  | (e)                                | of people     |             |                             |
|    | 6.   | fleet  |  | (f)                                | of cattle     |             |                             |
|    | 7.   | team   |  | (g)                                | of geese      |             |                             |
|    | 8.   | army   |  | (h)                                | of ships      |             |                             |
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| 4. | Α          | of students.  |           |  |
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|    | (a) chest  | (b) class     | (c) flock |  |
| 5. | Α          | of birds.     |           |  |
|    | (a) flight | (b) herd      | (c) gang  |  |
| 6. | Α          | of musicians. |           |  |
|    | (a) pair   | (b) crew      | (c) band  |  |







