



Collective and **Abstract Nouns**

Learning Outcomes

- Students will distinguish between collective nouns and abstract nouns.
- They will be able to identify examples of both.



Collective Nouns

Nouns that refer to the names of a collection of persons, animals or things taken together are called Collective Nouns.

Examples: herd, class, bouquet, etc.

Read the following sentences.

- The watchman has a bunch of keys. 1.
- 2. There is a flock of sheep in the meadow.
- An army of soldiers shot down the terrorists.

In sentence 1, the word bunch stands for a group of keys.

In sentence 2, the word flock stands for a group of sheep.

In sentence 3, the word army stands for a group of soldiers.











Some More Examples of Collective Nouns

a crowd of people

a team of players

a class of students

a band of musicians

an army of soldiers

a swarm of bees

a flight of birds

a herd of cattle

a bouquet of flowers

a pride of lions

a gang of thieves

a clump of trees

a troop of monkeys

a pack of wolves

a choir of singers

a litter of puppies

a library of books

a deck / pack of cards

a brood of chickens



a bunch of key

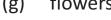
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Match the collective nouns to the nouns they go with. A.

- a tube of 1.
- 2. a bouquet of
- a flock of 3.
- a cloud of 4.
- a loaf of 5.
- 6. a team of
- a flight of 7.
- 8. a fleet of
- a pride of 9.
- a pack of 10.

- (a) dust
- (b) bread
- players (c)
- (d) birds
- ships (e)
- lions (f)





- wolves (h)
- toothpaste (i)
- (j) sheep









Skills/Level LISTENING & WRITING/A

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable Collective Nouns.

band, litter, team, library, school, herd, bouquet

- 1. My pet dog has a ______ of puppies.
- 2. A ______ of wolves attacked the boy.





- 3. A ______ of musicians was performing on the stage.
- 4. Our school has a big of books.
- 5. There is a ______ of fish in the river.
- 6. A _____ of cattle are grazing in the field.

Abstract Nouns

Read the following sentences.

Nouns that show ideas, thoughts, qualities of someone or something are called **Abstract Nouns**.

- 1. Rohit is known for his honesty.
- 2. Samatha is famous for her beauty.
- 3. Greed is a curse.

In the above sentences, the coloured words are nouns. These nouns are things we cannot see or touch. These nouns show the qualities of people or things. These are, therefore, called **Abstract Nouns**.

I.Q. Test

We cannot see or touch Abstract Nouns.

C. Fill in the blanks with the correct Abstract Nouns based on the sentence.

- Rani Lakshmi Bai showed great ______ during the battle. (book / block/bravery)
- 2. He values _____ in all aspects of life. (plot / bunch / honesty)
- 3. She shows her _____towards the animals. (kindness / band / flight)
- 4. Madhu has immense ______ for it. (bag / passion / pen)
- 5. When he won the first prize, his ______ new no bound. (hat / happiness / desk)











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My Activity Corner

Find out collective and abstract nouns in the following crossword puzzle and encircle them.

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T	E	Α	M	В	0	Α	L	L
В	E	A	U	T	Υ	M	0	Υ
W		S	D	0	M	E	N	0
Н	A	Р	Р		N	E	S	S



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