



# Collective and Abstract Nouns

## Learning Outcomes

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



## Lead in

Tick (✓) the pictures that are in groups.

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## 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.**

1. The watchman has a **bunch** of keys.
2. There is a **flock** of sheep in the meadow.
3. 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



### Spot the Error

*a bunch of key*

*(wrong)*

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

1. a tube of

2. a bouquet of

3. a flock of

4. a cloud of

5. a loaf of

6. a team of

7. a flight of

8. a fleet of

9. a pride of

10. a pack of

(a) dust

(b) bread

(c) players

(d) birds

(e) ships

(f) lions

(g) flowers

(h) wolves

(i) toothpaste

(j) sheep



**Skills/Level**  
LISTENING & WRITING/A2





## 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.



Skills/Level  
WRITING/A1



## 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.

1. 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)





## Points to Remember

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- ☉ Nouns that show ideas, thoughts, quantities of someone or something are called **Abstract Nouns**.



## My Activity Corner

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

A	I	R	A	R	M	Y	S	F
H	E	A	L	T	H	E	H	A
S	W	A	R	M	A	B	A	M
U	N	I	T	Y	T	L	B	I
T	E	A	M	B	O	A	L	L
B	E	A	U	T	Y	M	O	Y
W	I	S	D	O	M	E	N	O
H	A	P	P	I	N	E	S	S



## My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

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