



English



Self-Learning pack

Grade 11



Lesson 06 – Collective Nouns

Competency 4 - Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning

Competency level - 4.6 Identifies collective nouns and compound nouns.
4.8 Uses collective nouns and compound nouns properly.

Collective Nouns

What is a collective noun?

A collective noun is made of many things taken as a whole.

Eg:

a team of horses



a class of students



a herd of elephants









Study the following collective nouns.

People	Animals	Things
an army of soldiers	an army of ants	a bouquet of flowers
a band of musicians	a brood of chickens	a bunch of grapes
a board of directors	a drove of cattle	a chest of drawers
a choir of singers	a flock of birds	a clump of trees
a crew of sailors	a gaggle of geese	a fleet of ships
a gang of thieves	a herd of buffaloes	a group of islands
a group of friends	a litter of pups	a pack of cards
a staff of teachers	a pack of wolves	a set of tools
a team of players	a swarm of bees	a shelf of books
a troupe of dancers	a troop of monkeys	a string of beads

Now, do the following activities.

Activity 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct collective noun under each picture.

 <p>a <u>litter</u> of pups</p>	 <p>a _____ of bees</p>	 <p>a _____ of players</p>
 <p>a _____ of grapes</p>	 <p>a _____ of birds</p>	 <p>a _____ of flowers</p>

Activity 2

Fill in the blanks of the following sentences using the collective nouns given within brackets. One is done for you.

(litter of puppies / gang of thieves / fleet of ships / ~~herd of wild elephants~~ / bouquet of flowers / bunch of grapes)

- A herd of wild elephants has destroyed the paddy harvest and a few houses in Dambulla.
- The head prefect welcomed the chief guest with a _____.
- A _____ had robbed the bank last night while the security guard was away for dinner.
- The hungry fox got angry because it could not reach the _____.
- Someone has abandoned a _____ at the main entrance of the village temple.
- The captain of the ship sighted a _____ while sailing across the Indian Ocean.