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Nouns: Collective

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Collective Nouns

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A noun names a person, place, or thing. A collective noun names an entire group of persons, places, or things. A collective noun refers to more than one. For example, a *class* is a group of students. A *flock* is a group of birds. A *collection* is a group of things.

Examples of Collective Nouns

class	troop	jury	pack
team	board	staff	herd
family	choir	collection	flock

A collective noun usually takes a singular verb.

Example

The **choir** is ready for the performance.

However, if a collective noun refers to the members of a group acting individually, it can take a plural verb.

Examples

Singular: My **family** has a good time at the picnic. (The family as a unit has a good time.)

Plural: My **family** all have different favorite dishes. (The members of the family have different likes and dislikes.)



Test Example

1. Read the sentence.

My company is closed on Monday because it is a federal holiday.

Which of the words is a collective noun?

- A. my
- B. company
- C. day
- D. vacation

B. *Company* is a collective noun because it names a group of people who work for the same employer.

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Practice

1 Read the sentence.

The football team won the game on Saturday.

Which of the words is a collective noun?

- A. football
- B. team
- C. game
- D. Saturday

2 Read the sentence.

The farmer watched over the herd of cows all night.

Which of the words is a collective noun?

- A. farmer
- B. herd
- C. cows
- D. night

3 Read the sentence.

The troop of soldiers works together on the drills.

Which of the words is a collective noun?

- A. troop
- B. soldiers
- C. together
- D. drills

4 Read the sentence.

I watched the flock of birds fly in the sky.

Which of the words is a collective noun?

- A. I
- B. flock
- C. birds
- D. sky

5 Read the sentence.

The _____ cheers loudly.

Which word is a collective noun that correctly completes the sentence?

- A. people
- B. actors
- C. audience
- D. director

6 Read the sentence.

The _____ waits for the doors to open.

Which word is a collective noun that correctly completes the sentence?

- A. crowd
- B. fans
- C. people
- D. viewers

7 Read the sentence.

Tomorrow, the staff will send out a report on its earnings.

Which of the words is a collective noun?

- A. Tomorrow
- B. staff
- C. report
- D. earnings

8 Read the sentence.

Gray wolves live in a pack and usually hunt at night.

Which of the words is a collective noun?

- A. wolves
- B. pack
- C. hunt
- D. night

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1 Read the sentence.

I brought a deck of cards to the lunchroom so I could play solitaire during my break.

Which word is a collective noun?

- A. deck
- B. cards
- C. lunchroom
- D. break

2 Read the sentence.

The meeting ran late because the committee had so many new ideas to discuss.

Which word is a collective noun?

- A. meeting
- B. late
- C. committee
- D. ideas

3 Read the sentence.

Francisco brought out the chairs from the storage room, but he needed another dozen.

Which word is a collective noun?

- A. Francisco
- B. chairs
- C. room
- D. dozen

4 Read the sentence.

Before the meeting, I put a stack of papers on the table.

Which word is a collective noun?

- A. meeting
- B. stack
- C. papers
- D. table

5 Read the sentence.

The school is closed tomorrow because the _____ will be training.

Which word is a collective noun that correctly completes the sentence?

- A. teachers
- B. employees
- C. workers
- D. staff

6 Read the sentence.

Please place each pair of socks into the correctly labeled bin.

Which word is a collective noun?

- A. pair
- B. socks
- C. labeled
- D. bin

7 Read the sentence.

The _____ met Tuesday evening to rehearse.

Which word is a collective noun that correctly completes the sentence?

- A. players
- B. musicians
- C. band
- D. performers

8 Read the sentence.

My _____ enjoyed exploring our neighborhood together.

Which word is a collective noun that correctly completes the sentence?

- A. daughters
- B. cousins
- C. grandparents
- D. family

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1. B. *Team* names a group of people playing a sport.
2. B. The word *herd* names a group of cows.
3. A. The word *troop* names a group of soldiers.
4. B. The word *flock* names a group of birds.
5. C. The singular collective noun *audience* names a group of people.
6. A. The singular collective noun *crowd* names the group of people.
7. B. The word *staff* names a group of people.
8. B. The word *pack* names a group of wolves.

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1. A. The word *deck* names a group of cards.
2. C. The word *committee* names a group of people working together.
3. D. The word *dozen* names a group of twelve objects—in this case, chairs.
4. B. The word *stack* names the collection of papers.
5. D. *Staff* is a collective noun for a group of employees.
6. A. The word *pair* names a group of two objects—in this case, socks.
7. C. *Band* is a collective noun for a group of musicians.
8. D. *Family* is a collective noun for a group of relatives.
9. C. The word *batch* names a group of cookies.
10. B. The word *series* names a group of related items—in this case, books.
11. A. *Crew* is a collective noun for a group of workers.
12. C. The word *set* names a group of matching items—in this case, forks and knives.
13. D. *Class* is a collective noun for a group of students.
14. B. The word *pile* names a group of items—in this case, leaves.
15. A. The word *bouquet* names a group of cut flowers.
16. C. *Team* is a collective noun for a group of people working together.