COLLECTIVE NOUNS

Collective nouns are words used to describe a group of nouns. For example, 52 cards would be known as a deck of cards. Complete each sentence by choosing the correct collective noun from the box at the bottom of the page.

1. Swimming in the shallow water was a __________ of herrings.
2. A __________ of sheep was happily grazing in the field.
3. All night we could hear the __________ of wolves howling.
4. Looking out to sea, we noticed a __________ of dolphins swimming.
5. The __________ of lions slept all day on the African plains.
6. A long __________ of steps led to the top of the tower.
7. Our cat has just had a __________ of seven kittens.
8. We each picked a __________ of juicy grapes from the vine.
9. The hen waddled by with her __________ of chicks.
10. A __________ of thieves stole the precious diamonds.
11. In the jungle, we could see a __________ of monkeys swinging in the trees.
12. An enormous __________ of locusts ate all the crops.
13. The __________ of elephants stomped through the water hole.
14. The __________ of geese made a terrible squawking sound.
15. We were in awe as we watched the __________ of whales swimming.

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BE CREATIVE!

Some collective nouns are very descriptive. We hear the collective noun and we can imagine what the group looks like. A pride of lions sounds more interesting than a group of lions. Collective nouns are also fun!

Now that you have learned how to use collective nouns, try and invent some of your own. Invent a creative collective noun for each of the nouns below, and then write a sentence to show the collective noun in use.

1. students
   babble
   _We were surrounded by a babble of students._

2. cell phones
   _____________________
   _____________________

3. teachers
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4. computers
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5. children
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6. cars
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7. footballs
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8. ice-creams
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9. pencils
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10. roller coasters
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Collective Nouns - Answers

1. Swimming in the shallow water was a shoal of herrings.
2. A flock of sheep was happily grazing in the field.
3. All night we could hear the pack of wolves howling.
4. Looking out to sea, we noticed a pod of dolphins swimming.
5. The pride of lions slept all day on the African plains.
6. A long flight of steps led to the top of the tower.
7. Our cat has just had a litter of seven kittens.
8. We each picked a bunch of juicy grapes from the vine.
9. The hen waddled by with her brood of chicks.
10. A band of thieves stole the precious diamonds.
11. In the jungle, we could see a troop of monkeys swinging in the trees.
12. An enormous swarm of locusts ate all the crops.
13. The herd of elephants stomped through the water hole.
14. The gaggle of geese made a terrible squawking sound.
15. We were in awe as we watched the school of whales swimming.