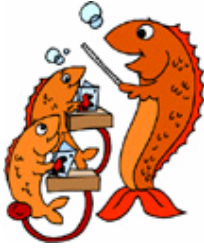


## COLLECTIVE NOUNS



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.

pod	swarm	pride	flight	school
herd	litter	gaggle	band	brood
pack	troop	flock	bunch	shoal

## COLLECTIVE NOUNS 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      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. computers      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. children      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. cars      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. footballs      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. ice-creams      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. pencils      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. roller coasters      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**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.