



Collective Nouns

A **collective noun** refers to a group of people, animals, things, or ideas.

- A collective noun takes a singular verb when talking about the group as a whole.
Example: The *team* is ready to warm up.
- A collective noun takes a plural verb when talking about different parts of the group.
Example: Some of the *team* have done jumping jacks while others have done push-ups.

PRACTICE

Complete each sentence with the correct verb form.

1. A swarm of locusts _____ heading our way!
2. Some of the locusts _____ gigantic!
3. The members of the jury _____ casting votes.
4. The jury _____ deliberating behind closed doors.
5. The crowd _____ angry about having to wait hours for tickets.
6. Some people in the crowd _____ leaving the ticket line.
7. The class _____ waiting patiently for the teacher.
8. All of the students _____ beginning to get restless.
9. The crew _____ flown into space before.
10. The members of the crew _____ trained to do different tasks.

Think of four other collective nouns. (*Hint:* Many collective nouns name groups of animals.)

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

Write a sentence for each collective noun.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

WRITE ON!

A school refers to a group of fish. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph about fish. Check to make sure that each sentence has subject-verb agreement.