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Collective and Abstract Nouns

You should be familiar with different types of nouns, such as singular, plural, common, and proper nouns. In this unit, you will learn about collective and abstract nouns.

Nouns

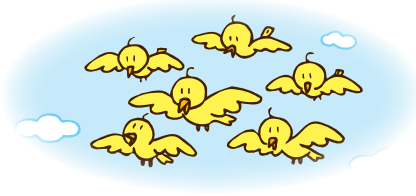
singular: apple
plural: apples

common: tower
proper: CN Tower

Collective Nouns

Collective nouns often name groups of specific people, things, or animals.

e.g. a **class** of fifth-graders
a **bouquet** of flowers
a **flock** of birds



Some interesting collective nouns for animals are: a **murder** of crows, a **gaggle** of geese, and a **colony** of penguins.



A collective noun can be **singular or plural**, depending on the context.

- If all members of a group act in the same manner, the collective noun is singular and a singular verb should be used.
- If the members of the group act individually, the collective noun is plural and a plural verb should be used.

e.g.

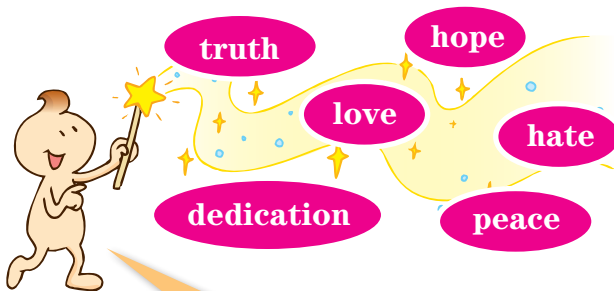


Keep in Mind



Abstract Nouns

Abstract nouns represent intangible things like ideas, beliefs, concepts, qualities, and feelings.



A noun is abstract if you cannot hear, see, touch, smell, or taste it.



Some abstract nouns can also be verbs. Pay attention to how the words are being used.

e.g. dream

Abstract Noun

My **dream** is to be a writer.

Verb

I **dream** of being a famous athlete.

Collective Nouns

- name groups of specific people, things, or animals
- can be singular or plural

Singular Collective Noun:

members of the group act together

Plural Collective Noun:

members of the group act separately

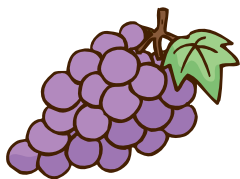
Abstract Nouns

- refer to intangible things
- some abstract nouns are also verbs

1 Collective and Abstract Nouns

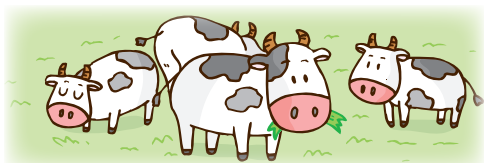
A. Fill in the blanks with the correct collective nouns.

1.



a _____ of
grapes

2.



a _____ of cows

3.



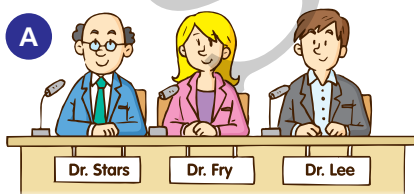
a _____ of cards

4.



a _____ of chicks

5.



A a _____ of judges

B a _____ of sailors

C a _____ of players

bunch

brood

crew

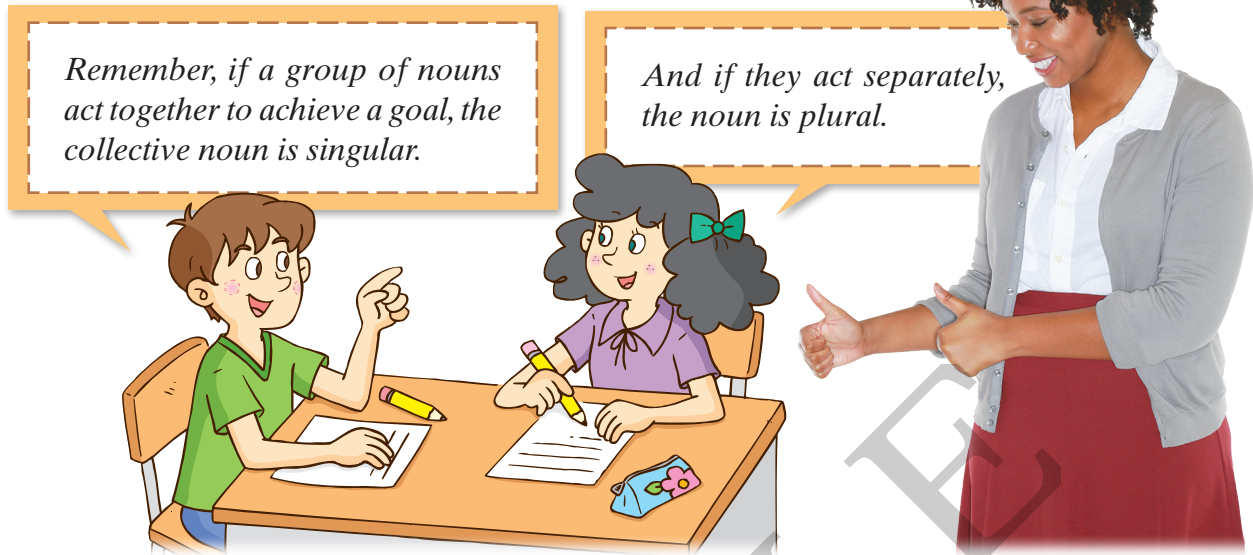
panel

herd

deck

team

B. Circle the collective noun in each sentence and identify whether it is singular or plural. Then fill in the correct verb.



- The pack of wolves _____ at night.
hunts/hunt
- My class _____ among the five classes that will take part in the fundraiser.
is/are
- The crowd slowly _____ from the area.
departs/depart
- The committee _____ for the whole afternoon and cannot come to an agreement.
has argued/have argued

5.



The family _____ out at the same time for a picnic.
sets/set

6.

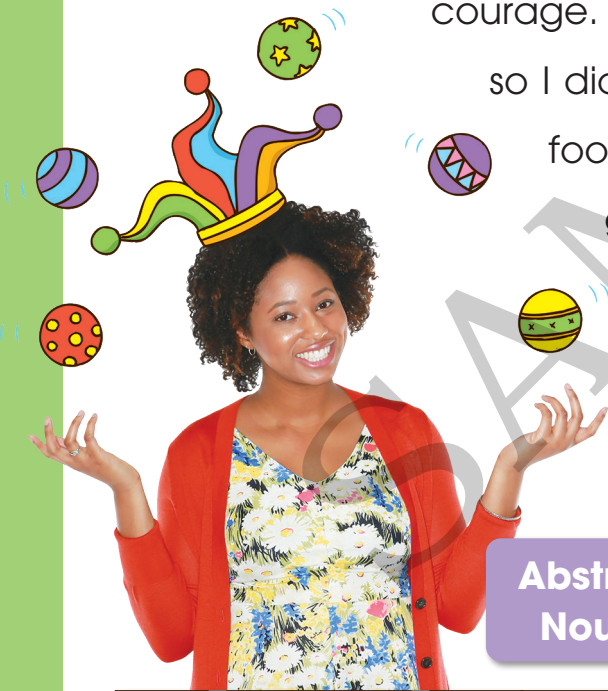


The litter of puppies _____ adopted by two families.
is/are

C. Read the passage. Circle the abstract nouns.
Then sort them in the correct boxes.

The Carnival

The carnival was full of chaos. A large bearded man swallowed knives. A tiny woman draped in robes told the future to customers and sold them charms that she claimed would bring them luck. An animal tamer brought wild animals into a boxing ring and told audience members to come and fight them if they had enough courage. I had too much sympathy for the animals so I did not enter the ring. I moved on to the food vendors as hunger was beginning to gnaw at my stomach. I bought a hot dog from a teenager with a talent for grilling sausages. Once I satisfied my appetite, I decided that I had experienced enough excitement for the day and it was time to leave.



Abstract
Nouns

Concept

Quality

Feeling

D. Use the nouns in sentences of your own.

Collective Nouns

- A** a range of mountains
- B** a cast of actors
- C** a school of fish
- D** a colony of ants
- E** a cluster of stars



Abstract Nouns

- P** surprise
- Q** fear
- R** trust
- S** wish

Remember to use an abstract noun as a noun and not a verb!

My Own Sentences

A _____

B _____

C _____

D _____

E _____

P _____

Q _____

R _____

S _____