

## Chapter- 1

## COLLECTIVE NOUNS

## STUDY NOTES

Read the sentences given below:

1. The bank was robbed by a **gang** of thieves.
2. They saw a **pride** of lions sitting quietly.
3. My cat gave birth to a **litter** of kittens last week.



**Collective nouns** are names for a collection or a number of people, animal or things. Words like **gang, pride and litter** are collective noun examples.

COLLECTIVE NOUNS FOR ANIMALS	COLLECTIVE NOUNS FOR PEOPLE
a tribe of goats	a band of musicians
a swarm of butterflies	a choir of singers
a flock of birds	a team of players

## ANSWER KEY

1. Read the following passage and underline the collective nouns for animals used in it.

Tony and Tina went on a trip to the zoo with their grandpa. They saw a pride of lions sitting quietly inside a cage under a tree. After walking for a while, they saw a bank of crocodiles sleeping on the bank of the river. But soon, they were attracted to a chattering troop of monkeys nearby. They fed bananas to the monkeys. Later, they saw a gaggle of geese swimming in a small pond inside the zoo. After seeing all the animals, they had lunch with their grandpa and returned home.

2. Read the following passage and underline the collective nouns for people used in it.

Swati had invited her entire circle of friends to the party. A band of musicians played dance music. A choir of singers and a troupe of dancers also showed their talents. A gang of thieves was also present at the party. But someone in the crowd of people identified the thieves. She informed the police and the thieves were arrested.

**3. Match the following collective nouns with the groups that they refer to:**

A	B
A herd	butterflies 5
A gang	fish 3
A school	cattle 1
A troupe	thieves 2
A swarm	dancers 4

**4. Write which group of animals the collective nouns talk about.**

ACROSS	DOWN
A bask of crocodiles	A swarm of bees
A gaggle of geese	A flock of sheep
A school of fish	A colony of ants
A troop of monkeys	A pride of lions
A herd of cattle	

**5. Find the incorrect collective nouns and rewrite the sentences using the correct ones.**

a) A pride of cattle is grazing in the field.

A flock of cattle is grazing in the field.

b) I saw a flock of butterflies in the garden.

I saw a swarm of butterflies in the garden.

c) A colony of birds was flying in the sky.

A flock of birds was flying in the sky.

d) There are two singers in my band of friends.

There are two singers in my circle of friends.

e) A troupe of students visited the Taj Mahal.

A class of students visited the Taj Mahal.

f) Sheetal would like to join a swarm of dancers.

Sheetal would like to join a troupe of dancers .

g) The bank was robbed by a herd of thieves.

The bank was robbed by a gang of thieves.

