

Chapter- 1

Collective Nouns

STUDY NOTES

- **Collective Nouns** – are words that talk about a group of things as one unit. They are usually treated as singular nouns.
- **For example –**
 - i) I gave my mom a **bouquet** of flowers for her birthday.
 - ii) This bunch of **grapes** are sweet.
 - iii) Uncle Tom bought us a **basket** of fruits.

The words highlighted in red are collective nouns.

- Below is the table of some lists of collective nouns.

A group of islands	A basket of fruits
A constellation/galaxy of stars	A pack of cards
A wad of notes	A pair of shoes
A forest of trees	A bouquet of flowers
A fleet of ship	A cloud of dust
A string of pearls	An album of photographs
A collection of stamps	A hedge of bushes
A block of flats	An anthology of poems
A batch of bread	A garland of flowers
A book of exercises	A bale of cotton
A shelf of books	A set of teeth
A clump of trees	A collection of coins

2. Match the collective nouns in column A with the nouns in column B to make meaningful phrases.

A

B

A stack of

dust

A wad of notes

flowers

A cloud of

cards

A bouquet of

notes

A pack of

wood

A shelf

flats.

A set of

stamps

A collection of

teeth

A block of

books

ANSWER KEY

2. a stack of wood

a wad of notes

a cloud of dust

a bouquet of flowers

a pack of cards

a shelf of books

a set of teeth

a collection of stamps

a block of flats

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct collective nouns from the box.

(string, collection, garland, pair, batch, clump, set, stack, heap, batch, shelf)

- a. My friend has a fine ____ of old coins.
- b. A strong wind scattered the ____ of hay in the farm.
- c. Will this ____ of pearls look good with my dress?
- d. Aladdin saw a ____ of stones at the cave's entrance.
- e. Zareen bought a ____ of shoes.
- f. The bride wore a ____ of flowers.
- g. We have a ____ trees behind our house.
- h. The carpenter always carried his ____ of tools.
- i. The baker offered us a fresh ____ of bread.
- j. There is a ____ of books in the new café.

ANSWER KEY

- a) My friend has a fine **collection** of old coins.
- b) A strong wind scattered the **heap** of hay in the farm.
- c) Will this **string** of pearls look good with my dress?
- d) Aladdin saw a of stones at the cave's entrance.
- e) Zareen bought a **pair** of shoes.
- f) The bride wore a **garland** of flowers.
- g) We have a **clump** trees behind our house.
- h) The carpenter always carried his **set** of tools.
- i) The baker offered us a fresh **batch** of bread.
- j) There is a **shelf** of books in the new café.

4. Circle the correct collective noun in each sentence.

- a. The West Indies is a group of /pack of islands.
- b. Teresa had a string of/wad of notes in her purse.
- c. The fleet of/bunch of ships arrived at the dock.
- d. Rahul uses a pack of /wad of cards to show magic tricks.
- e. The band of /bunch of keys jingled in his pocket.
- f. The book of /collection of exercises will get printed today.
- g. I have an album of / orchard of photographs of my childhood.
- h. Gita has an anthology of/army of poems.

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5. Correct the collective nouns used in the following sentences.

Ashish has a big bunch of books in his house. His window is always open,

From which one can see a fleet of green hills. There is a garden at the back as well.

It has banana plants with a cloud of bananas and coconut trees with range of coconuts.

When it gets dark, a string of stars can be seen in the sky.

ANSWER KEY

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From which one can see a fleet of **ships**. There is a garden at the back as well.

It has banana plants with a **clump** of bananas and coconut trees with range of coconuts.

When it gets dark, a **galaxy/constellation** of stars can be seen in the sky.

6. Use the collective nouns given below to write a paragraph of five/ seven lines titled “The Journey of a Sailor”**ANSWER KEY****“The journey of a Sailor”**

Long long ago there lived a man named Antonio. He was a sailor who traded silk items from nearby countries. Most of his life was spent discovering new group of islands in search of treasure.

One fine day he hopped on an island named Ohan, which was surrounded by a range of mountains and the hedge of bushes covered it from all sides. He had heard from his great grandfather that many years ago due to a ship wreck a lot of treasure got buried in the island. He got lucky this time as a stumbled upon an iron box, he cleared the dust of cloud and opened the box. To his surprise he was amazed to see all the glittering jewels, his happiness was no bound when he wore a string of pearls from the box.

