

Group (collective) nouns

Subject - verb agreement

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with words in brackets. _____

The police chasing the bank robbers in their police helicopter. (be)

When the jury reached its decision, the verdict will be read out. (have)

The jury among themselves on this issue. (disagree)

The herd usually together in its fold all night. (stay)

The herd been running in all directions since they started to panic. (have)

The old usually wiser than the young. (be)

Our family mostly vegetarians or even vegans. (be)

Kate's family the winter holiday in its cottage in the mountains each year. (spend)

The poor the government's support and social services. (require)

The team each practising different skills today. (be)

The team has won all the matches and in the finals now. (be)

The committee decided to put forward its next meeting to Wednesday. (have)

The committee been discussing their proposals since the morning. (have)

Answer key

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The police are chasing the bank robbers in their police helicopter.

When the jury has reached its decision, the verdict will be read out.

The jury disagree among themselves on this issue.

The herd usually stays together in its fold all night.

The herd have been running in all directions since they started to panic.

The old are usually wiser than the young.

Our family are mostly vegetarians or even vegans.

Kate's family spends the winter holiday in its cottage in the mountains each year.

The poor require the government's support and social services.

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The committee has decided to put forward its next meeting to Wednesday.

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Group (collective) nouns: people and animals

Exercise 2

Choose the correct words from the list and complete the sentences. _____

squad cloud peep gang party board tribe shoal pod circle pack mob swarm

The anti-drug struggled with the trafficking of drugs among young people.

When Jason went to study in Dublin, he met a of friends.

A of tourists booked four rooms in our hotel, but they didn't arrive.

When I came out after the game, there were the of kids waiting for my autograph.

Every big business should have a of directors to oversee its operations.

Small, angry groups formed one large of rioters in mere minutes.

The United States government officially recognizes 574 Indian

A of bees, ants or other insects is a large group of them, especially when in motion.

After locating the locust, the government began applying insecticides to the swarm.

The most common collective noun for a group of young chickens is a of chickens.

Download our game and go fishing for food as a hungry shark swimming in a of fish.

Like many other animals, wolves live in extended families which are called

Dolphins are social mammals that swim together, protect each other and hunt for food in

Answer key

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The anti-drug squad struggled with the trafficking of drugs among young people.

When Jason went to study in Dublin, he met a circle of friends.

A party of tourists booked four rooms in our hotel, but they didn't arrive.

When I came out after the game, there were the gang of kids waiting for my autograph.

Every big business should have a board of directors to oversee its operations.

Small, angry groups formed one large mob of rioters in mere minutes.

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A swarm of bees, ants or other insects is a large group of them, especially when in motion.

After locating the locust cloud, the government began applying insecticides to the swarm.

The most common collective noun for a group of young chickens is a peep of chickens.

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Like many other animals, wolves live in extended families which are called packs.

Dolphins are social mammals that swim together, protect each other and hunt for food in pods.

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Group (collective) nouns: things

Exercise 3

Complete each sentence with the correct word. _____

heap, grove

I saw a woman in the backyard poking through a of rubbish with a stick.

You can find many orange in Florida offering to pick your own oranges.

bunch, series

The prime minister's reputation has been harmed by a of scandals.

A of flowers that someone has arranged in an attractive way is called a bouquet.

fleet, clump

There is a of bushes at the edge of our garden.

The Spanish Armada, an enormous 130 of ships, was defeated by the English in 1588.

battery, bundle

A of guns guarded the harbour against naval ships.

We give a of clothes to charity every summer.

flight, range

My grandma has to climb three of stairs to get to her bathroom.

The Rocky Mountains are a 4,800 km long mountain in western North America.

round, block

We went to a pub and John ordered a of drinks for our group.

Unfortunately, the middle of the town was dominated by a huge of flats.

ring, pack

Buy a of playing cards and get the best deal at the lowest price.

Check out our key selection for the handmade pieces from our shop.

Answer key

Exercise 3

I saw a woman in the backyard poking through a heap of rubbish with a stick.

You can find many orange groves in Florida offering to pick your own oranges.

The prime minister's reputation has been harmed by a series of scandals.

A bunch of flowers that someone has arranged in an attractive way is called a bouquet.

There is a clump of bushes at the edge of our garden.

The Spanish Armada, an enormous 130 fleet of ships, was defeated by the English in 1588.

A battery of guns guarded the harbour against naval ships.

We give a bundle of clothes to charity every summer.

My grandma has to climb three flights of stairs to get to her bathroom.

The Rocky Mountains are a 4,800 km long mountain range in western North America.

We went to a pub and John ordered a round of drinks for our group.

Unfortunately, the middle of the town was dominated by a huge block of flats.

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Check out our key ring selection for the handmade pieces from our shop.

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