

Collective Nouns

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Sample sentence: The **herd** of cows moved slowly.

1. The name in bold print is singular (meaning 'one') but refers to more than one cow because it is a collective noun which stands for a group of things. Select the correct collective noun from the box to fill the spaces below.

bale regiment class team host pack
swarm cast choir herd flock posy

- (a) A _____ of footballers. (g) A _____ of birds.
(b) A _____ of soldiers. (h) A _____ of singers.
(c) A _____ of angels. (i) A _____ of cards.
(d) A _____ of bees. (j) A _____ of elephants.
(e) A _____ of flowers. (k) A _____ of students.
(f) A _____ of wool. (k) A _____ of actors.

2. Underline the ten collective nouns in the passage below.

A crate of drinks and a bunch of grapes had been carried home in a fleet of ships. Then the retiring Captain's collection of paintings was taken by his staff of servants to the crew of sailors who had bought it. A bundle of rags was thrown out but his library of books was valuable so he kept the books in a chest of drawers where the gang of workers would not find them.

