


After completing the table have a group discussion. Check with your teacher if in doubt. Every noun in the correct column gets five points. The group that has the most points is the winner.

H. Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases from the box. You can use a word/phrase more than once.

a an ~~x~~ the a few much more  
many a little some several

1. A sparrow flew away.
2. I bought some bangles in Delhi.
3. Only a few stars are visible in the sky.
4. I have been to Chennai several times.
5. The sky is clear today.
6. Apply some oil on the scar.
7. Our parents take x care of all our needs.
8. I have taken some books from the library.
9. Would you like to read the poem I have written?
10. There is a little sugar in the jar.
11. Mr Mehra asked me several questions at the interview.
12. Only a few students could not join the school picnic.

13. I have heard this story so many times.
14. Here are some tips to win the gold.
15. The teacher told us to make an effort.
16. I have packed some bread and X jam for tea.
17. Add some sugar to your X tea.
18. Take a pencil each, not more.

### COLLECTIVE NOUNS

A COLLECTIVE NOUN is the name of a collection of people or things that are taken together and spoken of as one whole.

*a school of fish, a parliament of owls, a murder of crows*

#### I. Match the columns.

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| 1. a group of elephants                              | a. tribe 2         |
| 2. a group of people of the same culture             | b. stock 3         |
| 3. a collection of goods                             | c. herd 1          |
| 4. a set of rooms in a hotel                         | d. committee       |
| 5. a group of people gathered in a church            | e. bevy 10         |
| 6. a group of soldiers                               | f. constellation 7 |
| 7. a group of stars                                  | g. crowd 8         |
| 8. a group of people                                 | h. regiment 6      |
| 9. a group of players in a game                      | i. crew 13         |
| 10. a group of birds                                 | j. team 9          |
| 11. followers of a religious leader                  | k. congregation 5  |
| 12. a collection of arrows                           | l. suite 4         |
| 13. those working on a ship                          | m. devotees 11     |
| 14. a group of people who make decisions on an issue | n. quiver 12       |

#### J. Rearrange the letters in brackets to make collective nouns and use them to fill in the blanks.

1. The Tours and Travels Agency has a fleet of cars. (feetl)
2. Ronica was looking for her bunch of keys in the living room. (unbch)

- Many people from the crowd rushed to help the man as he fell off his bicycle. (rcowd)
- The monkeys in a clump of trees began chattering when they heard the lion's roar. (cumpl)
- The range of mountains was covered with snow. (anrge)
- I would prefer to give a flower pot than a bouquet of flowers to grandmother on her sixtieth birthday. (quetoub)
- A pack of wolves was howling in the forest last night. (ackp)
- A flock of birds is flying south. (foclk)
- Every night, a band of musicians plays at the restaurant. (bnda)
- A swarm of locusts spoiled the crop on the farm last summer. (sarwm)

### MORE PRACTICE

**K. Insert a, an or the where needed. If no article is missing put an X.**

- There is a fox in our garden. I am scared to go outside. a
- Gleam of delight lit up Ravi's eyes at the sight of a new shirt. a
- Aishwarya wants to learn salsa. Do you know of a good dance school nearby? a
- I have a sister. She is four years old. a
- Has anyone brought a alarm clock? Who will wake us up at five o'clock in a morning? a
- Which book would you like to borrow first, a *The Diary of the Wimpy Kid* or a *Eragon*? a
- Aung San Suu Kyi won a Nobel Prize for Peace in 1991. a
- This test will last for a hour. Please leave your cellphones outside. a
- Mix a apple in your orange juice. It will taste good. a
- Mrs Jayalakshmi will take our class tomorrow if she has a time. a
- My mother is meeting her friend on Saturday. She is very excited. a
- India has won a World Cup twice in cricket. a

**Did you know? ANSWER**

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**Cricket!**

Is this a countable noun or an uncountable one?  
HINT: Think of the game and the insect.

Some collective nouns.

- 1- a chest of drawers.
- 2- a cluster of stars.
- 3- a troupe of dancers.
- 4- a flight of ~~the~~ stairs.
- 5- a pride of lions
- 6- a posse of policemen
- 7- a squadron of aircraft
- 8- a suite of rooms
- 9- a bench of judges.
- 10- a mob of people.