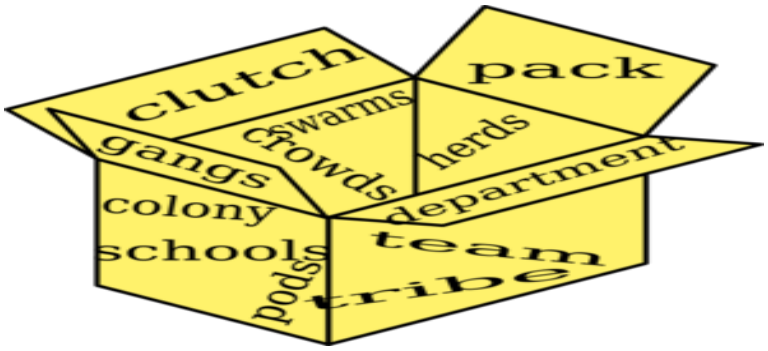
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STANDARD 2



A collective noun is a word used to represent a group of people, animals, or things.



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Some examples of collective nouns are shown in the table below.

Nouns	Collective nouns
actors	company
ants	colony
birds/sheep	flock
bread/cookies	batch
cattle	herd
chicks	brood, clutch
china	set
clothes	suit
coral	bed, reef
dancers	troupe
directors	board
fish	shoal, school
horses	team
insects	swarm, plague
islands	group, archipelago
oysters	bed
spectators	crowd
wolves	pack
trees	clump
steps	flight
bishops/judges	bench



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Activity 1

Complete the following phrases by selecting appropriate collective nouns from the word bank.

Collective Nouns Bank				
range	nest	bundle	congregation	
archipelago	shoal	stack	colony	
clutch	brood	plague	pack	swarm

For example:

A _____ of nerves.

A bundle of nerves.

1. A _____of worshippers
2. An _____of islands
3. A _____of insects
4. A _____ of rabbits
5. A _____of hay
6. A _____of hens
7. A _____of wolves
8. A _____of fish
9. A _____of eggs
10. A _____of ants
11. A _____of bees
12. A _____of opinions



Activity 2

Complete these sentences by using appropriate collective nouns from the word bank.

Collective Nouns Word Bank				
flight	company	reef	clump	variety
bench	set	brood	batch	

Example:

The class wrote essays on a _____of themes related to family.

The class wrote essays on a variety of themes related to family.

1. A steep _____of steps led to the artist's studio.
2. The _____of bishops walked down the aisles with their blue and red robes.
3. Nigel received a _____of tools for his birthday.
4. The family has a _____of chicks in their backyards.
5. A _____of actors from the Trinidad Theatre Workshop visited our school.
6. The baker burnt the first _____of loaves.
7. Peter pitched his tent under the _____of trees.
8. The teacher said it was important to save the_____of rare black coral.



Activity 3

Correct the errors of collective nouns in the following sentences.

Example:

An enormous gang of locusts ate all the crops.

An enormous plague of locusts ate all the crops.

1. We bought our mother a group of flowers for her birthday.

   _____

2. The bunch of dancers went to the auditorium for the concert.

   _____

3. My parents bought me a new set of shoes for school.

   _____

4. A fleet of spectators assembled for our football match.

   _____

5. Our cat had a swarm of seven kittens.

   _____

6. The group of soldiers marched in the Independence parade.

   _____

Activity 4

Complete the following story by selecting the appropriate collective nouns from the word bank.

Collective Nouns Word Bank			
block	stack	pile	book
bunch	flight	bundle	cluster

Grandmother was in trouble. She had lost her reading glasses and was looking for it. She searched high and low. She looked through a_____ of old newspapers, but could not find her glasses. She overturned a chest of drawers, but all that was found was a _____of keys and a_____of dead spiders. She put her hands into a _____of dirty clothes for washing but still she found no glasses. She was getting worried. There was a whole_____of letters for her to read that morning and she had already lost valuable time looking for her glasses. She said to herself, "Maybe, the glasses have gone into the rubbish bin along with the waste paper I threw this morning."

Grandmother lived in an apartment on the first floor of a _____of apartments. She ran down a _____of stairs and looked carefully through the _____of rubbish in the bin, but did not find her pair of glasses.

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Answer Key



Activity 1

1. A congregation of worshippers
2. An archipelago of islands
3. A plague of insects
4. A nest of rabbits
5. A stack of hay
6. A brood of hens
7. A pack of wolves
8. A shoal of fish
9. A clutch of eggs
10. A colony of ants
11. A swarm of bees
12. A range of opinions

Activity 2

1. A steep flight of steps led to the artist's studio.
2. The bench of bishops walked down the aisles with their blue and red robes.
3. Nigel received a set of tools for his birthday.
4. The family has a brood of chicks in their backyards.

5. A company of actors from the Trinidad Theatre Workshop visited our school.
6. The baker burnt the first batch of loaves.
7. Peter pitched his tent under the clump of trees.
8. The teacher said that it is important to save the reef of rare black coral.

Activity 3

1. We bought our mother a group of flowers for her birthday.	We bought our mother a bouquet of flowers or a bunch of flowers for her birthday.
2. The bunch of dancers went to the auditorium for the concert.	The troupe of dancers went to the auditorium for the concert.
3. My parents bought me a new set of shoes for school.	My parents bought me a new pair of shoes for school.
4. A fleet of spectators assembled for our football match.	A crowd of spectators assembled for our football match.
5.Our cat had a swarm of seven kittens.	Our cat had a litter of seven kittens.
6. The group of soldiers marched in the Independence parade.	The army of soldiers marched in the Independence parade.

Activity 4

Grandmother was in trouble. She had lost her reading glasses and was looking for it. She searched high and low. She looked through a stack of old newspapers, but could not find her glasses. She overturned a chest of drawers, but all that was found was a bunch of keys and a cluster of dead spiders . She put her hands into a bundle of dirty clothes for washing but still she found no glasses. She was getting worried. There was a whole book of letters for her to read that morning and she had already lost valuable time looking for her glasses. She said to herself, “Maybe, the glasses have gone into the rubbish bin along with the waste paper I threw this morning.”

Grandmother lived in an apartment on the first floor of a block of apartments. She ran down a flight of stairs and looked carefully through the pile of rubbish in the bin, but did not find her pair of glasses.

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