

3. **Collective nouns** name groups of persons, animals or items.

समूहवाचक संज्ञा व्यक्तिगणों, पशुओं तथा वस्तुओं के समूह का बोध कराती हैं।

Example: jury, team, class, committee, herd, etc.

**Let Us Understand**

Collective nouns such as committee, family, government, jury, etc., take a singular verb or pronoun when thought of as a single unit. But these nouns take on a plural verb or pronoun when thought of as a collection of individuals.

Example: The committee gave **its** unanimous approval to the plan. (singular)  
The committee enjoyed biscuits with **their** tea. (plural)

Singular collective nouns are followed either by a singular or a plural verb form.

Example: The audience **was** delighted with the performance.  
The audience **were** delighted with the performance.

Given below is a list of some collective nouns.

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Collective Nouns Used for People	Collective Nouns Used for Things	Collective Nouns Used for Animals
a community of people a family of members an orchestra of musicians a corporation of workers a company of actors	a bouquet of flowers a bunch of bananas a heap of stones a string of beads a clump of trees	a school of fish a nest of rabbits a troop of monkeys a herd of cattle a litter of kittens/cubs/puppies

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a committee of members an audience of people an army of soldiers a choir of singers a troupe of performers a crew of sailors a staff of teachers a club of members a team of players a gang of robbers a panel of judges a class of children	a chain of events a constellation of stars a flight of steps a series of books a pack of cards a pile of hay a set of dishes a row of houses a wad of notes a pile of clothes a series of diagrams a bunch of keys	an army of ants a pride of lions a pack of wolves a gaggle of geese a swarm of bees a flock of birds a brood of chickens a pod of whales a band of gorillas a bale of turtles a ballet of swans a bed of clams

**B. Underline the collective noun in each sentence and tick (✓) the correct verb that goes along with.**

- The jury (was, were) sitting in their place.
- The new class (was, were) in the field.
- The crew (is, are) at work on the bridge.
- A herd of cattle (stand, stands) near the gate.
- A school of fish (was, were) beside the boat.
- The flock (fly, flies) high over these mountains.
- Shalini's family (is, are) going away on Saturday.
- The band from High School (is, are) one of the best.
- The team (was putting, were putting) on their shirts.
- Wait! The choir (is singing, are singing) the hymn.
- The crowd (is, are) angry with the umpire.
- The group of children (shout, shouts) at each newcomer.