

Concrete Nouns, Abstract Nouns, and Collective Nouns

A **concrete noun** names a person, place, or thing that can be seen, touched, heard, tasted, or smelled. *Examples: song, hubcap, dog*

An **abstract noun** names an idea, a feeling, a quality, or a characteristic. *Examples: loyalty, dishonour, trust*

A **collective noun** is a word that names a group of people or things. *Examples: squad, assembly, team, jury, flock, herd*

EXERCISE A Decide whether each of the following nouns is concrete or abstract. Identify each one by writing *C* for *concrete* or *A* for *abstract*.

_____ 1. locker

_____ 2. enthusiasm

_____ 3. humour

_____ 4. bridge

_____ 5. Brazil

_____ 6. dishonesty

_____ 7. computer

_____ 8. Jupiter

_____ 9. sympathy

_____ 10. procrastination

_____ 11. Great Barrier Reef

_____ 12. Queen Elizabeth II

_____ 13. anger

_____ 14. promise

_____ 15. mouse

_____ 16. sand

_____ 17. cooperation

_____ 18. bell

_____ 19. ability

_____ 20. thought

_____ 21. foot

_____ 22. tragedy

_____ 23. idea

_____ 24. hamburger

EXERCISE B Underline each collective noun in the following sentences.

1. I sing tenor in a quartet.
2. Everyone in the group received a door prize.
3. The team arrived early and went to the locker room.
4. As I watched, a flock of geese flew overhead.
5. The jury filed into their seats and listened to the judge's instructions.
6. During lunch today the committee will meet to plan fund-raising events.
7. Can you find your way through this thick grove of trees?
8. The cat and her litter found a home in my dog's abandoned doghouse.
9. When Jared hit the beehive with a stick, a swarm of angry bees flew out.
10. For this short flight, the plane needs a crew of only three.