

Collective Nouns

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1. Swimming in the shallow water was a _____ of herrings.
2. In the field, happily grazing, was a _____ of sheep.
3. All night we could hear the _____ of wolves howling.
4. Looking out to sea, we noticed a _____ of dolphins swimming.
5. The _____ of lions slept all day on the African plains.
6. A long _____ of steps led to the top of the tower.
7. Our cat has just had a _____ of seven kittens.
8. We picked several _____ of juicy grapes from the vine.
9. The hen waddled by with her _____ of chicks.
10. A _____ of thieves stole the precious diamonds.
11. In the jungle, we could see a _____ of monkeys swinging in the trees.
12. An enormous _____ of locusts ate all the crops.
13. The _____ of elephants stomped through the water hole.
14. The _____ of geese made a terrible squawking sound.
15. We were in awe as we watched the _____ of whales swimming.

pod	swarm	pride	flight	School
herd	litter	gaggle	band	brood
pack	troop	flock	bunches	shoal

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1. Swimming in the shallow water was a shoal of herrings.
2. In the field, happily grazing, was a flock of sheep.
3. All night we could hear the pack of wolves howling.
4. Looking out to sea, we noticed a pod of dolphins swimming.
5. The pride of lions slept all day on the African plains.
6. A long flight of steps led to the top of the tower.
7. Our cat has just had a litter of seven kittens.
8. We picked several bunches of juicy grapes from the vine.
9. The hen waddled by with her brood of chicks.
10. A band of thieves stole the precious diamonds.
11. In the jungle, we could see a troop of monkeys swinging in the trees.
12. An enormous swarm of locusts ate all the crops.
13. The herd of elephants stomped through the water hole.
14. The gaggle of geese made a terrible squawking sound.
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Collective Nouns – Part 2 – Be Creative!

Now that you have learned how to use collective nouns, try and invent some of your own. Write a sentence for each of the following nouns, inventing a collective noun for each.

Example: house could be 'a street of houses'

Write a sentence for each of these...

1. mobile phones

2. teachers

3. computers

4. children

5. cars

6. footballs

7. ice-creams

8. pencils

9. roller coasters
