

41 Collective nouns

A **collective noun** refers to many individuals taken as a unit but is singular in form, e.g. army (soldiers), government (politicians), herd (cows).



GETTING STARTED

Match the groups and their collective nouns. Look at the word on the left (e.g. *insects*) and find the collective noun on the right to describe a group of them (a *swarm* of insects). Write the number of the word (1) in the box next to the collective noun.



11	acrobats	bouquet	
12	worshippers	shoal	
13	people	convoy	
14	teachers	anthology	
15	cattle	armada	
16	lions	archipelago	
17	singers	constellation	
18	geese	swarm	1
19	wolves	class	
20	birds	library	

1	insects	crowd	
2	flowers	staff	
3	warships	pack	
4	fish	pride	
5	poems	herd	
6	books	troupe	
7	ships	flock	
8	islands	gaggle	
9	stars	congregation	
10	pupils	choir	



MOVING ON

WORD DOMINOES

• Cut up the boxes so you have separate dominoes like these.

2	flowers	staff	14
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17	singers	bouquet	2
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- Place the cards face down and jumble them up.
- Take five cards each.
- Turn over one card, in the centre, as the start card.
- Choose who goes first.
- If they have a matching card for either end of the start card, place it at the correct end of the centre domino. If not, pick up another card.
- Take turns to match either end of the dominoes.
- The first player to place all their dominoes is the winner.

? How many did you get right?

5 = NOVICE

10 = EXPERT

15 = MAESTRO