

Collective Noun

A collective noun is a word which indicates a group of people or things, but is referred to as one whole.

Example: a **team** – the word ‘team’ and ‘army’ both symbolise a number of people and not one person or thing. Therefore, when the noun is referred to as a group the verb will be **singular**.

Correct sentence: This football team **is** admired by many people. (Singular verb)

Incorrect sentence: This football team **are** admired by many people. (Plural verb)

Q. Underline the collective nouns from the list of words and write them in spaces provided.

- a. guard, houses, flock, shop, museums _____
- b. drivers, butchers, committee, children _____
- c. school, audience, bakery, bags, college _____
- d. hotel, park, army, trees, bikes _____
- e. optician, crew, restaurant, café _____
- f. jury, bookshop, station, airport _____
- g. hospital, embassy, team, centre _____