

Nouns: Collective

A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. A collective noun names a group of people or things. Collective nouns are considered singular, not plural.

Here are some examples of collective nouns: *class, club, humankind, family, audience, army, herd, committee, group, public, team, band, flock, jury, board, enemy, set.*

- Ex. The *club* has decided to wait and have the vote next week.

Practice

In order to help the student understand how to identify and use collective nouns, use the following exercise. Read each sentence and underline the collective noun. Then choose the correct verb to complete the sentence.

- Ex. The flock of sheep (**eats/eat**) grass all day.

1. My class (are/is) going on a field trip next week.
2. Jisela's family (takes/take) a vacation each summer.
3. After a show, the audience (applaud/applauds) for the performers.
4. The company (let/lets) all its employees take vacations during the spring.
5. Before we start playing, my soccer team (talks/talk) about the game plan.