

CHAPTER 7: KINDS OF NOUNS

DEFINITION: A noun is the name of a person, place, animal or thing.

I. A **PROPER NOUN** is a special name given to a particular person, place, animal or thing.

Eg. Jack is an honest boy.

Ahmedabad is a city in Gujarat.

My pet cat's name is Fluffy.

The Ganga is a holy river.

The Koran is a holy book.

Every proper noun begins with a capital letter.

All the above underlined words are proper nouns.

II. A **COMMON NOUN** is a common name given to persons, places, animals and things of the same kind.

Eg. My friends will come to meet my parents.

His sisters have visited many cities.

The lion belongs to the cat family.

They swam in the lake.

Every common noun begins with a small letter.

All the above underlined words are common nouns.

III. A **COLLECTIVE NOUN** is the name given to a group or a collection of common nouns of the same kind.

SOME COLLECTIVE NOUNS

1. an army ; a regiment ; a troop of soldiers
2. a fleet of ships/cars
3. a flock of sheep
4. a team of players/oxen
5. a pride of lions
6. a troop of monkeys/soldiers
7. a troupe of actors/dancers/ performers
8. a gang of thieves
9. a class of students / pupils
10. a flight of birds/ stairs
11. a herd of cows/ elephants/ cattle
12. a heap of stones/ sand/ mud
13. a pack of wolves/ dogs/ cards
14. a bundle of sticks/clothes
15. a bunch of keys/ grapes/ flowers
16. a bouquet of flowers
17. a crowd of people
18. a litter of puppies/kittens
19. a swarm of bees/ locusts
20. a brood of chickens
21. a clump of trees
22. a band of musicians
23. a pod of dolphins
24. a school of whales
25. a bevy of girls/ women
26. a choir of singers
27. a crew of sailors/ people working in an aircraft
28. a pile of books
29. a shoal of fish
30. a panel of judges

EXERCISE 1.

Pick out the nouns and say what kind they are. You must write the sentences and answer.

- a. A pride of lions was sitting on the grass.
Ans: pride- collective; lions, grass- common.
- b. Ram and Anil played with a pack of cards.
- c. A big troupe of monkeys was seen on the roof.
- d. A regiment of soldiers marched down the street.
- e. He saw a large fleet of ships at sea.
- f. His flock of sheep was grazing in the field.
- g. The farmer's team of oxen ploughed the field.
- h. A team of players is travelling to Chennai.
- i. A troupe of dancers performed for the famous actor, Salman Khan.
- j. In Delhi, the police caught a gang of thieves.

EXERCISE 2.

Fill in suitable COLLECTIVE NOUNS. Write the whole phrase in your book.

- a. a _____ of stairs
- b. a _____ of elephants
- c. a _____ of sand
- d. a _____ of dogs
- e. a _____ of sticks
- f. a _____ of keys
- g. a _____ of flowers
- h. a _____ of kittens
- i. a _____ of sailors
- j. a _____ of bees

EXERCISE 3.

Fill in suitable COMMON NOUNS

- a. a regiment of _____
- b. a class of _____
- c. a pack of _____
- d. a bundle of _____
- e. a fleet of _____
- f. a bevy of _____

- g. a school of _____
- h. a herd of _____
- i. a troop of _____
- j. a troupe of _____

EXERCISE 3.

Make a good sentence with:

- a. a proper noun of your choice.
- b. a proper noun beginning with the letter 'm'.
- c. the common noun for which 'litter' is used. (You don't have to include the word, 'litter' in your sentence.)
- d. The common noun for which 'shoal' is used. (You don't have to include the word, 'shoal' in your sentence.)
- e. the collective noun for 'students'. (You don't have to include the word, 'students' in your sentence.)
- f. the collective noun for 'singers'. (You don't have to include the word, 'singers' in your sentence.)

Eg.1 the common noun for which 'gang' is used.

gang-thieves

There were five thieves in the bank.

Eg. 2 the collective noun for 'players'

players – team

This team will be playing in the final.

*****Sometimes, we have to include both, the common and collective nouns to make the sentence sound better.***