



Collective Nouns Interactive Worksheet

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the series of grammar videos about collective nouns in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the videos.

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Video: What is a Collective Noun?

EXERCISE A: What is a noun?

A noun is a **thing, a person, an animal, a place or an idea.**

EXERCISE B: What is a collective noun?

A collective noun is **a separate kind of noun that is used to describe a group of something.**

Examples of collective nouns: **a team, the government, a council**



Video: Singular or Plural?

EXERCISE C: When is a collective noun singular? Select the correct option.

A collective noun is singular when:

- a) **Everybody/thing in the collective group is doing the same action together.**
- b) Everybody/thing in the collective group is doing different things.

EXERCISE D: When is a collective noun plural? Select the correct option.

A collective noun is plural when:

- a) Everybody/thing in the collective group is doing the same action together.
 - b) **Everybody/thing in the collective group is doing different things.**
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Video: Parts of Speech

EXERCISE E: Fill in the gaps with the correct pronoun IT or THEY.

- ☞ The team attends a meeting. **It** came up with some good ideas.
- ☞ The team do their tasks. **They** are busy at work.



Video: Companies

EXERCISE F: Select the true sentence from the options below.

- a) **Companies and organisations with acronyms are normally singular.**
 - b) Companies and organisations with acronyms are normally plural.
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Video: Reading for Meaning

EXERCISE G: What is the difference in meaning between the two following sentences?

The committee disagrees

The committee disagree

The committee disagrees uses the third person singular, so it suggests that all members of the committee disagree, 100% have the same thought, because they're one unit.

The committee disagree uses the plural form, so it suggests that not all members of the committee disagree, only a majority. Each person has their own opinion and it's not a unit of action.



Video: British and American English

EXERCISE H: Select the correct option to complete the sentences below.

- ⇒ **American English speakers** / British English speakers often use collective nouns in the singular form.
 - ⇒ American English speakers / **British English speakers** often use collective nouns in the plural form.
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Video: Exceptions

EXERCISE I: Select the correct option to complete the sentences below.

- ⇒ Everybody, every one, nobody and no one are always used with the **singular/ plural** form.
- ⇒ “Police” is always used with the **singular/ plural** form.