



Level: Intermediate
Topic: Collective Nouns
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A noun is;

A thing
A person
An animal
A place
An idea

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A collective noun is a word used to describe a group of something

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Collective Nouns



team



government




council

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team

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team


singular plural

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team

singular
1 unit

plural

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The team attends a meeting

singular
1 unit




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The choir sings every Monday

singular
1 unit




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team

singular
1 unit

plural
individual


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The team do their tasks

plural
individual




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The class wait for their teacher

plural
individual




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team


singular
1 unit

plural
individual

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The team attends a meeting. It came up with some good ideas.


The team do their tasks. They are busy at work.

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Apple is shutting down iTunes—here's what will happen to your music

Adamczyk, A. (2019). Apple is shutting down iTunes—here's what will happen to your music. Available: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/04/apple-is-shutting-down-itunes-heres-what-will-happen-to-your-music.html>. Last accessed 6th June 2019.

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Overview

The United Nations is an international organization founded in 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The mission and work of the United Nations are guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter.

The United Nations. (2019). Overview. Available: <https://www.un.org/en/sections/about-un/overview/index.html>. Last accessed 6th June 2019.

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The committee disagrees




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The committee disagree




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committee



class




choir


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school of fish




clutch of rabbits


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school of fish



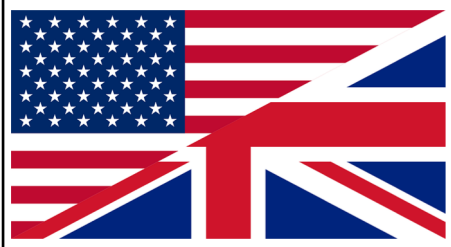
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American English
Singular Form




British English
Plural Form


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American English
My family is from
New York



British English
My family are from
London

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everybody	everyone
nobody	no one

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everybody	everyone
SINGULAR	
nobody	no one

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Everybody <u>is</u> happy today
Everyone <u>is</u> happy today
Nobody <u>is</u> in town
No one <u>is</u> in town

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police

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- Collective nouns are words describing a group of something
- Singular for 1 unit
- Plural for individual people
- American English → singular
- British English → plural
- Everybody, everyone, nobody, no one → always singular

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