Collective Nouns

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: a noun names a person, place, thing or idea. A collective noun names a group as one thing: a team of players, a flock of birds.

Pattern: a herd of cows a bunch of grapes a team of players

1. Match the animals to their group

Draw a line from each animal to the collective noun for a group of them.



bees

herd



fish

pride



wolves

swarm



cows

colony



birds

pack



lions

flock



kittens

litter



ants

school

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2. Choose the collective noun

Circle the collective noun that completes each sentence.

1. A _____ of musicians played at the wedding. — bunch / band / pile
2. The _____ of students lined up for lunch. — class / flock / deck
3. A _____ of grapes sat in the bowl. — herd / pack / bunch
4. The _____ cheered when the goal was scored. — crowd / deck / swarm
5. Dad shuffled a _____ of cards. — team / deck / school
6. A _____ of ships sailed into the harbour. — litter / band / fleet
7. Our soccer _____ won the final. — team / colony / bunch
8. A _____ of books leaned against the wall. — herd / stack / pride

Answer Key

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1. Match the animals to their group

- bees → **swarm**
- fish → **school**
- wolves → **pack**
- cows → **herd**
- birds → **flock**
- lions → **pride**
- kittens → **litter**
- ants → **colony**

2. Choose the collective noun

1. A **band** of musicians played at the wedding. — bunch, **band**, pile
2. The **class** of students lined up for lunch. — **class**, flock, deck
3. A **bunch** of grapes sat in the bowl. — herd, pack, **bunch**
4. The **crowd** cheered when the goal was scored. — **crowd**, deck, swarm
5. Dad shuffled a **deck** of cards. — team, **deck**, school
6. A **fleet** of ships sailed into the harbour. — litter, band, **fleet**
7. Our soccer **team** won the final. — **team**, colony, bunch
8. A **stack** of books leaned against the wall. — herd, **stack**, pride