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Competency 4 – Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning.

Competency Level – 4.8 – Uses collective nouns and compound nouns properly.

Pre – learning activity

Fill in the blanks using the correct word from the box.

- 1) A of fish.
- 2) A of flowers.
- 3) A of elephants.
- 4) A of books.
- 5) A of chickens.

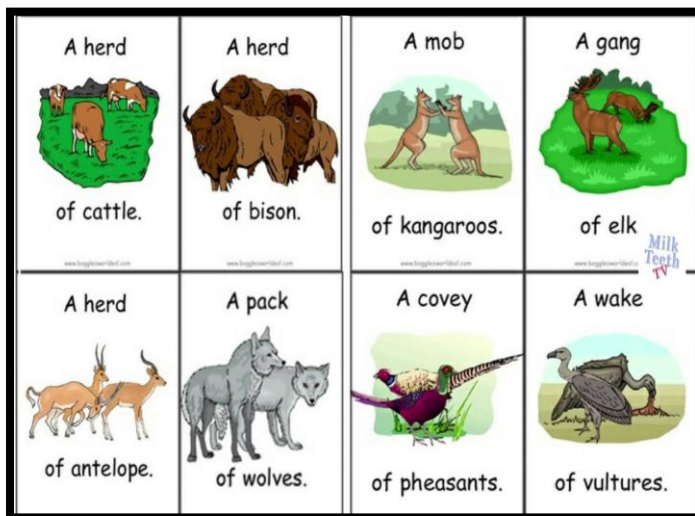
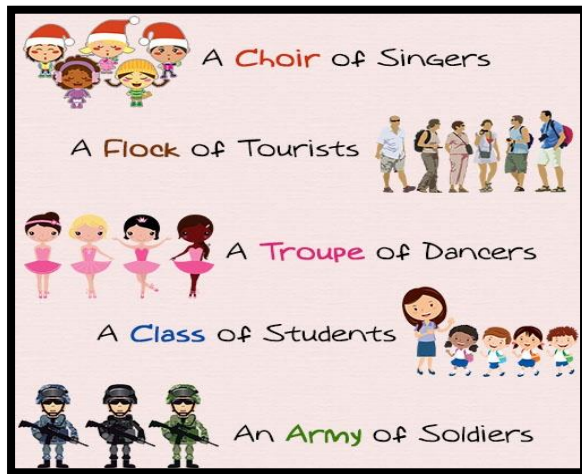
brood	school	bunch	herd	library
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Learning Point -1

What are collective nouns?

Collective nouns are words for groups of people, animals and things

COLLECTIVE NOUNS		
PEOPLE	ANIMALS	THINGS
A band of men	A colony of gulls	A batch of cakes
A cast of actors	A brood of hens	A bottle of milk
A stack of librarians	A flight of birds	A bowl of rice
A sentence of judges	A flock of turkeys	A box of cereal
A galaxy of beauties	A group of guinea pigs	A can of soda
A bevy of girls	A litter of cubs	A carton of milk
A choir of singers	A kennel of dogs	A cup of tea
A hack of smokers	A sloth of bears	



Learning Point -2

Plural forms of collective nouns

singular	plural
A flock of birds	Flocks of birds
A group of boys	Groups of boys
A herd of elephants	Herds of elephants
A bunch of ducks	Bunches of ducks
A brood of chickens	Broods of chickens

Activity - 01

Write the missing group word chosen from the list below.

school	herd	swarm	pair	gang
team	heap	bevy	brood	flock

01. A of thieves

06. A of bees

02. A of chickens

03. A of shoes

04. A of whales

05. A of girls

07. A of cows

08. A of stones

09. A of sheep

10. A of players

Activity - 02

Write the plural forms of the above collective nouns.

E.g.:- 1. Gangs of thieves

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Activity – 03

Match the collective noun with the correct picture.

	A library of books	
	A suite of furniture	
	A flight of steps	
	An army of soldiers	
	A group of dancers	
	A comb of bananas	
	A bunch of grapes	
	A band of musicians	
	A choir of singers	
	A suit of clothes	
	A team of players	
	A class of students	
	A bouquet of flowers	
	A group of islands	

Activity – 04

Complete the following sentences using appropriate collective nouns.

- 1) A of locusts attacked a of cattle.
- 2) A of birds is always a beautiful sight.
- 3) They welcome the chief guest with a of flowers.
- 4) While we were travelling, we saw a elephants in the field.
- 5) The of thieves has been arrested by the police.

Activity - 05

Farmer John had several different kinds of animals on his farm. Write the correct collective noun for each group of his animals.



Farmer John had : A..... of geese
 A..... of sheep
 A..... of cattle
 A..... of horses

One day aof wolves tried to attack his animals. Farmer John yelled and waved a pitchfork to frighten them away.

Post – learning activity

Re-write these sentences using collective nouns for the underlined phrases.

01) I took some flowers for my teacher.

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02) There is a large number of people at the bus stop.

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03) The teachers who work in the school had a meeting recently.

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04) About ten elephants went for bathing in the river.

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05) The workers on the ship worked hard to rescue it.

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Dear students,

Using following links, you can learn more about collective nouns.

<https://youtu.be/pnUvjOQ2eyI>

<https://wordwall.net/resource/19087998/collective-nouns>

Assessment

Match the following collective nouns.

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| 1.A shoal | A) of elephant |
| 2.A string | B) of flowers |
| 3.A swarm | C) of trees |
| 4.A litter | D) of thieves |
| 5.A brood | E) of sheep |
| 6.A clump | F) of chicken |
| 7.A gang | G) of fish |
| 8.A bouquet | H) of bees |
| 9.A herd | I) of beads |
| 10.A flock | J) of pups |

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