

### Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

### Language Focus

Collective nouns

### Aim

To take part in a quiz where you race to guess collective nouns related to animals, people and things.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet.

### Level

Intermediate (B1)

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

In this collective nouns game, students take part in a quiz where they race to guess collective nouns related to animals, people and things.

### Procedure

Draw the grid from the worksheet on the board. Write the points at the top and the categories down the side.

Tell the students that they are going to play a jeopardy-style quiz game where they guess collective nouns from descriptions.

Divide the students into four teams.

Have each group choose a team name.

Start by choosing a square to begin the game, e.g. animals 100.

Read the description of the noun, e.g. 'This collective noun is used to describe a group of wolves'.

The first student to raise their hand and give the correct collective noun (shown in bold) wins that square for their team and the amount of points for that square, e.g. 100 points. Their team name is then written in the square.

Encourage students to respond in sentence form, e.g. 'The collective noun for wolves is a pack.'

The winning team then gets to choose the next square. However, any team can try to guess the collective noun.

If a student answers incorrectly, it goes to the other teams.

At the end of the game, add up the points for each team.

The team with the most points wins the game.

As a variation, when a student answers correctly, the winning team can double their points by giving another example using the same collective noun, e.g. a pack of cards.

	100	200	300	400	500
<b>Animals</b>	This collective noun is used to describe a group of wolves.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of deer.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of bees.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of goats.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of kangaroos.
	Answer a <b>pack</b> of wolves	Answer a <b>herd</b> of deer	Answer a <b>swarm</b> of bees	Answer a <b>flock</b> of goats	Answer a <b>mob</b> of kangaroos
<b>People</b>	This collective noun is used to describe a group of employees.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of sailors.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of friends.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of experts.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of directors.
	Answer a <b>staff</b> of employees	Answer a <b>crew</b> of sailors	Answer a <b>circle</b> of friends	Answer a <b>panel</b> of experts	Answer a <b>board</b> of directors
<b>Things</b>	This collective noun is used to describe cards.	This collective noun is used to describe keys.	This collective noun is used to describe flowers.	This collective noun is used to describe events.	This collective noun is used to describe vehicles.
	Answer a <b>pack</b> of cards	Answer a <b>bunch</b> of keys	Answer a <b>bouquet</b> of flowers	Answer a <b>series</b> of events	Answer a <b>fleet</b> of vehicles
<b>Mixed bag</b>	This collective noun is used to describe a group of people.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of lions.	This collective noun is used to describe sticks.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of fish.	This collective noun is used to describe a group of islands.
	Answer a <b>crowd</b> of people	Answer a <b>pride</b> of lions	Answer a <b>bundle</b> of sticks	Answer a <b>shoal</b> of fish	Answer: a <b>chain</b> of islands