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LESSON NOTES

School: Ba Sangam College

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Name: _____

Subject: English

Week: 7

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Strand	Writing and Shaping
Sub Strand	Language features and rules
Content Learning Outcome	Use correctly the conventions of written English including grammar, usage, spelling and punctuations to communicate ideas logically.

Collective Nouns

Collective nouns are names for a collection or a number of people or things.

Collective Noun Examples

Remember that **nouns** are words naming people, animals, places, and things. Our **class** took a field trip to the natural history museum.

- We waited anxiously for the **jury** to come to a verdict.
- This year's basketball **team** includes three players who are over six feet tall.
- Napoleon's **army** was finally defeated at Waterloo.
- The town **council** has approved plans to create a new park.
- He comes from a huge **family**: he's the oldest of eleven kids.
- The rock **group** has been on tour for months.
- Everyone in the **audience** applauded loudly when Elvis appeared on stage.

List of Common Collective Nouns

- **Herd**– A group of herbivore animals
- **Pack**– A group of canine animals such as wolves or dogs; also used to describe playing cards and packages containing multiple objects
- **Flock**– A group of birds; also used to discuss small hooved animals such as sheep or goats
- **Swarm**– A group of insects
- **Crowd** – Usually used to describe a group of people
- **Gang** – Usually used to describe a group of criminals; also used to describe a group of workers, particularly sailors or dock workers
- **Mob** – Normally used to describe an angry or unruly group of people; also used to describe a group of kangaroos
- **Staff** – A group of people who work in the same place
- **Crew** – Usually used to denote a group of workers; also used to describe aircraft and ships personnel
- **Choir** – A large, organized group of singers
- **Orchestra** – A large, organized group of instrumentalists, led by a conductor
- **Panel** – A group of experts
- **Board** – A group of people, usually professionals, who take on an advisory role
- **Troupe** – A group of actors or acrobats; also used to describe a group of monkeys
- **Bunch** – Usually a group of smallish objects such as grapes, flowers, keys, or bananas
- **Pile** – An untidy collection of items such as rubbish
- **Heap** – A mounded collection of items; used interchangeably with “pile”
- **Stack** – A group of items neatly laid one on top of another; i.e., a stack of books

- **Series** – Used to discuss movies, books, or events that follow one after another, i.e. Star Trek or Harry Potter

EXERCISE 15 MARKS

Each of these sentences contains a collective noun. Circle the correct answer from the options that follow the sentence:

1. Keys, marbles, and rubber bands were just a few of the things in the pile of objects in his drawer.
A – marbles, B – things, C – pile
2. The boys decided to join the navy after graduation.
A – boys, B – navy, C – graduation
3. After the performance, all the actors joined hands and bowed toward the audience.
A – performance, B – actors, C – audience
4. The team celebrated heartily after scoring a winning goal.
A – team, B – winning, C – goal
5. Most of the students on the council are also on the honor roll.
A – students, B – council, C – honor roll
6. The boat's crew worked all night to stop the leak.
A – boat's, B – crew, C – leak
7. The talent show featured several individual performers, along with three bands.
A – show, B – performers, C – bands
8. Our extended family includes great-grandparents and second cousins.
A – family, B – great-grandparents, C – cousins
9. All of the students are attending a school assembly on Friday.
A – students, B – school, C – assembly
10. The senate will be voting on three education funding bills tomorrow.
A – senate, B – bills, C – tomorrow
11. The teachers and administrators held a meeting in the faculty office.
A – teachers, B – administrators, C – faculty
12. The sheep clustered in a tight flock to ward off the cold weather.
A – sheep, B – flock, C – weather
13. The hungry fox saw a bunch of grapes hanging from the vine.
A-hungry B-vine C-bunch
14. A flight of birds is always a beautiful sight.
A-sight B-flight C-beautiful
15. My friend has a fine collection of old stamps.
A- fine B- old C- collection