

Nouns

Noun

A noun is a **naming word**. It can be the name of anything, a person, a place, a thing, an animal, a material or even a feeling. E.g. Tom, Delhi, Table, Dog, Gold, Bravery etc.

Types:

There are 5 types of noun.

1. **Proper noun:** It is the name of an individual person, place or organization. It is always written with the first letter in the capital form. E.g. Ram, Shyam, Agra etc.
2. **Common noun:** It is the common name given to each individual of a particular type. E.g. My name is Ram. Ram is a proper noun here. But I am human. Human is the common name given to each individual of my type, so human is a common noun. Other examples of common noun are cow, dog, elephant, student etc.
3. **Collective noun:** It is used to refer to a group of a particular type of individuals. E.g. group of cows is called herd. Similarly, a group of lions is called pride.
4. **Material Noun:** It refers to the matter, material or substance with which things are made. E.g. gold, silver, milk etc.
5. **Abstract noun:** A noun which is used to denote something which is not concrete or physically existing but merely an idea, a feeling, a state or an action. E.g. youthfulness, bravery, beauty, fear, honesty etc.

Collective Noun

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Some collective nouns to remember :

Army	Soldiers
Band, Orchestra	Singers, Musicians
Bunch	Grapes, flowers, keys
Class	Students
Collection	Stamps, coins
Crew	Sailors
Troupe	Dancers
Bouquet	Flowers
Herd	buffalo, cows, deer, elephant, sheep, horses
Swarm, hive	bees

Company	Police
Troupe	Dancers
Stack	Hay
Swarm	Bees, flies, ants
Colony, army	ants
Team	Players
Troop	Apes, monkeys
Colony	Bats
Flight, flock	Birds
Caravan	Camel
Battalion	Soldiers
Army	Caterpillars
Quiver	Cobras, Snakes
Murder, Horde	Crows
Pack	Wolves, Dogs
Gang	Thieves, robbers, dacoits, elk
Memory	Elephants
School, pod	Dolphins
School	Fish, Whales
Cloud	Grasshoppers
Horde, plague	insects
Army, colony	Frogs
Leap	Leopards
Scourge	Mosquitoes
Parliament	Owls
Team	Oxen
Colony, creche	Penguins

Swarm, colony, pack, plague	Rats
Ambush	Tigers
Litter	Tigers
Litter	Cubs
Pride	Lions