

Nouns

Nouns — Grade 1 (with Collective Nouns)

A **noun** is a *naming word*. It can name a person, a place, an animal, a thing, a material, or even a feeling.

Examples: **Tom, Delhi, table, dog, gold, bravery.**

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The 5 types of nouns

1) Proper noun

Names one special person/place/thing. **Begin with a capital letter.**

Ram, Shyam, Agra, Taj Mahal

2) Common noun

General name for a kind of person/place/thing.

boy, city, river, student

3) Collective noun

One word for a **group** of people/animals/things.

herd of cows, pride of lions

4) Material noun

Names a substance or material we use to make things.

gold, silver, wood, milk

5) Abstract noun

Names an idea, feeling, state, or quality *we can't touch*.

bravery, beauty, fear, honesty

Collective nouns (group names)

A **collective noun** tells what we call many of the same kind *together*.

Group word	Used for	Kid-friendly example sentence
herd	cows, buffaloes, deer, elephants	We saw a herd of elephants.
flock	birds, sheep, geese (flying)	A flock of birds flew past.
pack	wolves, dogs	A pack of wolves moved together.
pride	lions	A pride of lions rested.
school	fish, dolphins, whales	A school of fish swam in a circle.
swarm	bees, flies	A swarm of bees buzzed near the hive.
colony	ants, penguins	A colony of ants carried food.
troop	monkeys	A troop of monkeys jumped on trees.
pod	dolphins, whales	A pod of dolphins leaped high.
litter	puppies, kittens (babies born together)	The cat had a litter of kittens.
brood	chicks	A brood of chicks followed the hen.
gaggle	geese (on land)	A gaggle of geese crossed the path.

► **Teacher's corner: extended list & less-common variants**

Kid-friendly groups (quick list)

Pets & Farm

herd of cows

flock of sheep

litter of puppies

brood of chicks

Wildlife

pride of lions

herd of elephants

pack of wolves

troop of monkeys

Water & Sky

school of fish

pod of dolphins

flock of birds

gaggle of geese

Tiny creatures

swarm of bees

colony of ants

Common mistakes (and quick fixes)

Forgetting capitals

Write: We live in **Agra**. (Not “agra”)

Using the wrong group word

Say **flock of birds**, not “herd of birds”.

Mixing “litter” and “group”

litter of puppies (babies born together), but **pack** of dogs (group).

Uncommon words in Grade-1

Words like *ambush* (tigers) or *parliament* (owls) are fine as *bonus*, not required.

Try it (mini practice)

Match me

lions — ?, birds — ?, fish — ?, wolves — ?

Answers: pride, flock, school, pack

Fill the blanks

A _____ of elephants walked by. A _____ of bees buzzed near the tree.

Answers: herd, swarm

MCQ Practice (5 Questions)

1. **1. Which is a collective noun?**

- A. lion
- B. pride
- C. jungle
- D. brave

► **Answer & Explanation**

2. **2. Choose the correct group word: "A ____ of birds flew over us."**

- A. herd
- B. school
- C. flock
- D. litter

► **Answer & Explanation**

3. **3. Which pair is correct?**

- A. wolves — troop
- B. lions — pride

- C. fish — herd
- D. dogs — brood

▶ **Answer & Explanation**

4. **4. Which sentence uses a proper noun correctly?**

- A. we went to agra.
- B. We went to agra.
- C. We went to Agra.
- D. we Went to Agra.

▶ **Answer & Explanation**

5. **5. Pick the material noun.**

- A. bravery
- B. gold
- C. elephant
- D. teacher

▶ **Answer & Explanation**