

# Collective Nouns

Collective nouns will be used as *singular* nouns most of the time because they are acting as a *unit*.

- Ex) The team **is** practicing.

It is correct to use collective nouns as *plural* nouns if the sentence is focusing on *individual* actions.

- Ex) The team **have** birthdays in November and December.

**Directions: Circle the correct verb in the sentences below. The first one is done for you.**

1. The team work/works together to win the championship.
2. The family gather/gathers for a big dinner on Easter Sunday.
3. A class of students listens/listen attentively to the teacher's instructions.
4. The band plays/play various instruments, such as the trombone and tuba.
5. A swarm of bees buzz/buzzes around the garden.
6. The crew of astronauts prepares/prepare for their individual missions in space.
7. The jury debate/debates the guilt of the defendant.
8. The herd of cows wanders/wander across the meadow.
9. The choir sing/sings beautifully during the concert.
10. A group of friends have/has different ideas about where to eat during the outing
11. The committee finalize/finalizes on the new rules for the fundraiser.
12. The audience applauds/applaud after the excellent performance.
13. The set of tools is/are neatly arranged in the garage
14. A pack of vicious wolves attacks/attack an injured deer.
15. The troupe rehearse/rehearses for the next Labor Day assembly.

