

## Assignment2

## Grammar L2: Abstract and Collective Nouns

### Abstract Noun

An abstract noun is the name of some state, quality, feeling or idea that we can only think of or feel but cannot touch or see. E.g. beauty, wisdom, friendship etc.

#### Formation of abstract noun:

Abstract nouns are formed from-

#### 1. Adjectives

E.g. Kind                      Kindness  
(adjective) (abstract noun)

Brave                      Bravery  
(adjective) (abstract noun)

#### 2. Verb

E.g. Obey                      Obedience  
(verb) (abstract noun)

Move                      Movement  
(verb) (abstract noun)

#### 3. Common nouns

E.g. Child                      Children  
(common noun) (abstract noun)

Boy                      Boyhood

(common noun) (abstract noun)

### **Collective Noun**

A collective noun is the name of collection of persons or things taken together and spoken as one whole. E.g. bunch, flock etc.

Note:

1. when a collective noun stands for a group as a whole it takes a singular verb.

For e.g. The city police is a strong force. (police as an entire force)

The family has a large house. (family as a whole)

2. When we refer to individual members of the group then it takes a plural verb.

For e.g. The family have settled their quarrel. (the members of the family)

The police are planning a cultural show. (members of the police force)

### **Solve the following exercises**

#### **1. Underline the abstract noun in these sentences.**

1. Everyone appreciated Amit for his bravery.
2. Mother Teresa was known for her kindness.
3. Wisdom comes with age.
4. Hatred is not a good quality.
5. There was a theft in my neighbour's house yesterday.
6. During childhood, Seema was a very naughty girl.
7. His strength was admired by everyone.

#### **2. Write whether these abstract nouns have been formed from adjectives(A), verbs (V) or common nouns (C).**

1. happiness \_\_\_\_\_
2. boyhood \_\_\_\_\_
3. truth \_\_\_\_\_
4. growth \_\_\_\_\_
5. wealth \_\_\_\_\_
6. amusement \_\_\_\_\_
7. sickness \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Choose the correct collective nouns from the box to complete these sentences.**

class, bundle, crowd, jury, team, bunch

1. I saw a large \_\_\_\_\_ outside the Mayor's office in the morning.
2. My favourite football \_\_\_\_\_ is playing on Sunday.
3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ has twenty-five students.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ declared Shyam innocent.
5. I gave my mother a \_\_\_\_\_ of roses for her birthday.
6. I found a \_\_\_\_\_ of sticks on the pavement.

**4. Choose the correct form of verbs given in brackets to complete these sentences.**

1. A huge swarm of locusts \_\_\_\_\_ (has/ have) destroyed the crops.
2. The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ (has/ have) dispersed now.
3. The pack of dogs \_\_\_\_\_ (was/ were) running off in different directions.
4. Our staff \_\_\_\_\_ (meet/ meets) on Tuesday mornings.
5. The family next door \_\_\_\_\_ (is/ are) quite friendly.
6. The football team \_\_\_\_\_ (practise/ practises) together every evening

**5. Write an essay on Lockdown- Positive Impacts of Being at home (350 words)**