

Exercises

Exercise A

Tick (✓) the common noun and underline the proper noun in the following.

1. Naveen is intelligent boy✓. He scores good marks in all the subjects ✓. English literature is his favourite subject.
2. Mrs. Shail is a teacher ✓in St. Thomas School. She is at home for Christmas holidays.
3. Mt Everest is in Nepal. It is the highest mountain ✓peak in the world.
4. Nancy is fond of reading. Her favourite story ✓is 'Tom Sawyer'.
5. Bunny is the pet of Shahid. It belongs to him.

Exercise B

Given below are some phrases. Complete them with the correct collective nouns from the box.

panel clump galaxy pile regiment

string set peal row range

gaggle brood herd troop

1. A range of hills.
2. A clump of trees
3. A troop of monkeys
4. A galaxy of stars
5. A row of houses
6. A peal of bells
7. A pile of plate
8. A brood of chickens
9. A gaggle of geese
10. A herd of cattle
11. A panel of judges
12. A regiment of soldiers
13. A set of tools
14. A string of beads

Exercise C

Tick (✓) the correct word to complete the following sentences

1. Jay picked up a clutch of beads / eggs ✓from the local shop.
2. A band of workers / singers ✓entertained the audience.
3. A horde of tourists ✓/ cattle visited the bird sanctuary.
4. A colony of sheep / ant ✓was discovered under the sand.
5. Nitin found a heap of stones✓/ notes near the old temple.
6. A suit of rooms ✓/ houses was prepared for the foreign visitors.
7. It is difficult to break a bundle of sticks ✓/ bananas.

8. A troupe of players /dancers✓performed on the stage .
9. The chief guest was welcomed with a bouquet of plants / roses✓.
- 10.A caravan of camels ✓/ birds passed the desert at night.

Exercise D

Underline the abstract nouns in the following.

1. Innocence of the children touched us.
2. A strong man depends on his strength to give him success in life.
3. Happiness is inner contentment and joy.
4. Pride always goes before a fall.
5. The people in this region live in poverty.
6. He is famous for his kindness and generosity.
7. Cruelty to animals is a punishable offence.
8. To my delight everyone arrived on time
9. The soldiers impressed very citizen by their bravery on the battlefield.
- 10.I respected the honesty of my friend.

Fun Time

1. Read the description of the picture. Find and underline the - common and abstract nouns. Write C for common noun and A for abstract noun:

Sandra and her sister Ann received many gifts (C) on Christmas. Their parents Sam and Andrea gave them a beautifully (A) wrapped gift package. The spirit (A) of love (A) and happiness (A) . The two girls (C), their mother (C) and father (C) decorated the Christmas tree with silver balls, red ribbon and silver bells.

2. Rewrite the following sentences by replacing the coloured words with a single noun from the list given below.

(Spectators, inhabitants, population, pedestrians.
passengers refugees mob audience tourists)

- (a) Many **people who were on foot** crossed the road.
Many pedestrians crossed the road.
- (b) The **people who were listening** sat very quietly.
The audience sat very quietly.
- (c) The **people who were travelling** in the bus were annoyed, when it broke down midway.
The passengers in the bus were annoyed, when it broke down midway.
- (d) In Switzerland, the **people living there** speak either German or French.
In Switzerland, the inhabitants speak either German or French.

- (e) During the partition of India, there were many **people who were forced to flee from danger**.

During the partition of India there were many refugees.

- (f) Goa has the least **number of inhabitants**.

Goa has the least population.

- (g) Many **people who travel for pleasure** visit the ancient temple of Rameshwaram.

Many tourist visit the ancient temple of Rameshwaram

- (h) The **people who were watching the match** cheered their team loudly.

The spectators cheered their team loudly.

- (i) The **angry crowd** threw stones at the police.

The mob threw stones at the police.

