

Words can be fun

Question 1: How many collective nouns are in this sentence? "A team of archers shared a quiver of arrows with a troop of cavalry."

- a) none
- b) one
- c) two
- d) three

Question 2: Which would be the best collective noun for lots of parrots?

- a) numerous
- b) bunch
- c) flock
- d) group

Question 3: The writer states that most collective nouns in everyday speech are "mundane". This suggests they are

- a) commonplace and non-specific.
- b) tedious and uncountable.
- c) non-specific and bizarre.
- d) uninformative and ambiguous.

Question 4: The writer is concerned that some people might have difficulty in

- a) finding the right collective noun for unusual groups of animals.
- b) determining the correct measurement unit of certain entities.
- c) finding enjoyment in using words other than group.
- d) distinguishing between collective nouns and mass nouns.

Question 5: The text would best be described as

- a) assertive and dogmatic.
- b) light and informative.
- c) persuasive and factual.
- d) thought-provoking and personal.

Question 6: The text would best be described as meaning

- a) be very precise in all language situations.
- b) consider substituting mass nouns for collective nouns.
- c) avoid ever using the word bunch.
- d) warn people who misuse collective nouns.

Question 7: As a collective noun, the word Jitter refers to

- a) a mass of discarded rubbish.
- b) leaves on a forest floor.
- c) puppies born to the same mother.
- d) a large number of untidy objects.