8.6 Abstract and Collective Nouns: Test Pack

about 20 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

Open Day at Foxglove Wildlife Park

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A ripple of excitement ran along the queue outside Foxglove Wildlife Park long before the gates opened. Somewhere behind the fence, a troop of monkeys was already shrieking with what sounded like pure delight. Mrs Okafor, the park's head keeper, greeted the waiting crowd with a warm smile and a clipboard full of notes.

The first stop was the reptile house, where a coil of pythons lay motionless beneath a heat lamp. Ravi felt a flicker of nervousness as the guide lifted a corn snake from its glass tank, but curiosity soon won over fear, and he reached out to touch its smooth, dry scales.

Outside again, a herd of zebras grazed calmly beside a pack of wild dogs resting in the shade. Further along, a flock of flamingos stood in the shallow lake, their feathers a startling shade of pink against the water. The keeper explained that patience, not speed, was the secret to training the park's young elephants, and a murmur of admiration passed through the group.

By the end of the visit, exhaustion had replaced excitement, but every visitor agreed that the sense of wonder Foxglove Park created was worth the long walk back to the car park.

1 Rewrite the phrase 'the notes belonging to the group' using a possessive apostrophe.

(1)

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2 State whether each noun below is a COMMON noun, an ABSTRACT noun or a COLLECTIVE noun.

(a) teacher **(1)**

(b) kindness **(1)**

(c) audience **(1)**

(d) biscuit **(1)**

(e) sadness **(1)**

(f) team **(1)**

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3 Word bank:

Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Word 4	Word 5	Word 6
honesty	swarm	boldness	jury	wisdom	colony

Tick whether each word in the bank above is an abstract noun or a collective noun.

(a) honesty **(1)**

- ☐ A) Abstract noun
- ☐ B) Collective noun

(b) swarm **(1)**

- ☐ A) Abstract noun
- ☐ B) Collective noun

(c) boldness **(1)**

- ☐ A) Abstract noun
- ☐ B) Collective noun

(d) jury **(1)**

- ☐ A) Abstract noun
- ☐ B) Collective noun

(e) wisdom **(1)**

- ☐ A) Abstract noun
- ☐ B) Collective noun

(f) colony **(1)**

- ☐ A) Abstract noun
- ☐ B) Collective noun

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4 Identify and correct the spelling error in the abstract noun in this sentence: 'Her curiousity about the reptile house grew with every step.'

(1)

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5 Change each adjective below into an abstract noun by adding a suitable suffix (e.g. -ness, -ity, -y, -dom).

(a) kind **(1)**

(b) generous **(1)**

(c) jealous **(1)**

(d) stupid **(1)**

(e) angry **(1)**

(f) loyal **(1)**

6 In UK English, a collective noun can take a singular verb when the group acts as one unit, or a plural verb when the members are considered as individuals. Choose the verb that correctly completes each sentence.

(a) The audience ___ applauding together as one single body. **(1)**

- ☐ A) is
- ☐ B) are

(b) The staff ___ each grading a different set of papers in their own way. **(1)**

- ☐ A) is
- ☐ B) are

(c) The band ___ performing together as a single unit. **(1)**

- ☐ A) is
- ☐ B) are

(d) The council ___ each representing a different part of town. **(1)**

- ☐ A) is
- ☐ B) are

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Question 1

the group's notes, cao **B1**

Answer: **the group's notes**

Question 2

(a) common noun **B1**

(a) Answer: **common noun**

(b) abstract noun **B1**

(b) Answer: **abstract noun**

(c) collective noun **B1**

(c) Answer: **collective noun**

(d) common noun **B1**

(d) Answer: **common noun**

(e) abstract noun **B1**

(e) Answer: **abstract noun**

(f) collective noun **B1**

(f) Answer: **collective noun**

Question 3

(a) A ticked, cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) Abstract noun**

(b) B ticked, cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) Collective noun**

(c) A ticked, cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) Abstract noun**

(d) B ticked, cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) Collective noun**

(e) A ticked, cao **B1**

(e) Answer: **A) Abstract noun**

(f) B ticked, cao **B1**

(f) Answer: **B) Collective noun**

Question 4

curiosity, cao **B1**

Answer: **Her curiosity about the reptile house grew with every step.**

Question 5

(a) kindness, cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **kindness**

(b) generosity, cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **generosity**

(c) jealousy, cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **jealousy**

(d) stupidity, cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **stupidity**

(e) anger, cao **B1**

(e) Answer: **anger**

(f) loyalty, cao **B1**

(f) Answer: **loyalty**

Question 6

(a) A, cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) is**

(b) B, cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) are**

(c) A, cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) is**

(d) B, cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) are**

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