Name It Together

Sort nouns that name groups and ideas.

3.L.GC.1.23 "Grammar: Use collective and abstract nouns. (Master)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

COLLECTIVE NOUN

A collective noun names a group of people, animals, or things. The group is named with one word.

A bouquet of roses sat on the table.

ABSTRACT NOUN

An abstract noun names an idea, feeling, or quality. You cannot touch it or hold it.

Hope can make a hard day feel brighter.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle COLLECTIVE or ABSTRACT for each noun, then for Part 2, choose two items and explain what makes each noun that type.

1.	team	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT
2.	herd	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT
3.	courage	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT
4.	committee	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT
5.	honesty	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT
6.	wisdom	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT
7.	crowd	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT
8.	pack	COLLECTIVE ABSTRACT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new collective noun and one new abstract noun.

COLLECTIVE _____

ABSTRACT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses a collective noun and an abstract noun.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	team	**COLLECTIVE**	A team is a group of people working or playing together.
2	herd	**COLLECTIVE**	A herd is a group of animals.
3	courage	**ABSTRACT**	Courage is a quality or feeling that cannot be touched.
4	committee	**COLLECTIVE**	A committee is a group of people chosen to do a job.
5	honesty	**ABSTRACT**	Honesty is a quality, not something that can be held.
6	wisdom	**ABSTRACT**	Wisdom is an idea or quality gained from knowledge and experience.
7	crowd	**COLLECTIVE**	A crowd is a group of people.
8	pack	**COLLECTIVE**	A pack is a group of animals, such as wolves.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **COLLECTIVE**: jury
- **ABSTRACT**: pride

Challenge: The choir showed kindness by singing at the hospital.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept other accurate examples that name a group as collective nouns or name an idea, feeling, or quality as abstract nouns. In the challenge sentence, students should use both types of nouns correctly.