Marsh Group Words

Identify words that name groups in a model passage.

5.11.D.iii "collective nouns;"

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every collective noun, a noun that names a group. Number them in the order you find them.

Morning at Cedar Marsh

1. On a spring morning, a team of wildlife volunteers met beside the Cedar Marsh trail. They carried binoculars, notebooks, and gloves. Their leader explained that a flock of Canada geese had been seen near a blocked drainage pipe. The group planned to check the area along the wet trail without disturbing birds or nearby nests.

2. At the pond, the team found fresh beaver tracks and a small dam made of branches and mud. A colony of beavers lived farther downstream, so the volunteers stayed on the path. Near the pipe, the flock of geese moved calmly into the reeds. Each bird watched the people, then followed the others toward open water.

3. Back at the visitor center, a committee of volunteers wrote a report about the blocked pipe. The committee asked the park manager to contact a repair crew. Meanwhile, the team cleaned its tools and shared observations. By afternoon, the geese had returned to the pond, and the marsh was quiet again in the late afternoon.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the three collective nouns in paragraph 1.

2. Which collective noun in paragraph 2 names the beavers together?

3. In paragraph 3, what people are named by the word committee?

4. Copy the sentence in paragraph 3 that uses a collective noun with the singular pronoun its.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about a community event. Use two different collective nouns. In one sentence, make a collective noun the subject and use a matching singular pronoun, such as its, in the same sentence. Then check a collective noun and its verb or pronoun in your draft. Keep correct forms or correct them as needed; explain whether the group is acting as one unit. Write your checking note after the draft.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every collective noun, a noun that names a group. Number them in the order you find them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the three collective nouns in paragraph 1.	**team, flock, group**
2	Which collective noun in paragraph 2 names the beavers together?	**colony**
3	In paragraph 3, what people are named by the word committee?	**volunteers**
4	Copy the sentence in paragraph 3 that uses a collective noun with the singular pronoun its.	**Meanwhile, the team cleaned its tools and shared observations.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A crew of gardeners planted flowers near the school gate. The crew packed its tools while a crowd of families watched from the sidewalk.

Draft check: Keep its because the crew is treated as one group packing the group's tools. Crew and crowd correctly name groups.

The passage contains 10 collective noun occurrences: team, flock, group, team, colony, flock, committee, committee, crew, and team. Accept original two-sentence responses that use two different group-naming nouns and correctly match a singular pronoun to one collective noun. Assess the actual draft check separately from the original sentence-count requirement. Accept a supported keep decision or a needed correction, with a reason tied to the convention; do not require an error or full rewrite. Provide support after the learner attempts the check.