



Lesson Five

- **Collective Nouns-**
- **Nouns Denoting Sounds**
- **Idiomatic Comparisons**
- **Diminutives-**
- **FOREIGN WORDS AND THEIR PLURALS**

COLLECTIVE NOUNS.

- 1. A flight of steps or stairs.**
- 2. A tribe of Indians.**
- 3. A series of events.**
- 4. A heap or a mass of ruins.**
- 5. A heap of sand and stones.**
- 6. A clump of trees.**
- 7. A cluster or a galaxy of stars.**
- 8. A brood of chickens.**
- 9. A nest of ants.**
- 10. a staff of teachers.**
- 11. A crew of sailors.**
- 12. A crowd of people.**

- 13. A procession of people marching as soldiers.**
- 14. An audience in a theatre, a concert or a meeting.**
- 15. A Congregation in a mosque or a church.**
- 16. A pack of cards or hounds.**
- 17. A flock of sheep, birds, lambs or swines.**
- 18. A herd of cows or horses.**
- 19. A gang of thieves and criminals.**
- 20. A committee of representatives.**
- 21. A group of figures and islands. 22. A brace of pigeons.**
- 23. A bevy of ladies. 24. a fell of hair. 25. A nursery of plants. 26. A part of people.**

- 27. A fleet of cars or ships. 28. A council of advisors.**
- 29. A packet of cigarettes.**
- 30. An assembly of people. 31. Museums of art. 32. A squad of soldiers.**
- 33. Genus of plants. 34. a mob of people at a mess.**
- 35. A board of directors.**
- 36. A litter of puppies, baby animals. 37. A swarm of insects. 38. A team of players.**
- 39. A choir of singers. 40. A bunch of flowers, keys or grapes. 41. A suite of rooms, furniture and musical compositions.**

- **42. A Posse of detectives. 43. A shower of rain, drizzle. 44. A fall of snow.**
- **45. A regiment of soldiers, firemen. 46. A range of mountains. 47. A shoal of whales, fish.**
- **48. A stack of logs, wood. 49. A Convoy of partridge, soldiers. 50. A multitude of concourse of people.**
- **51. A pair of shoes. 52. A bundle of hay. 53. A string of camels. 54. A box of cigars.**
- **55. A Posy of flowers.**
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B)-NOUNS DENOTING SOUNDS

1. Apes gibber
2. Bees hum
3. Camels grunt
4. cocks crow
5. doves coo
6. elephants trump
7. frogs croak
8. hawks scream
9. hounds bay
10. lambs bleat
11. monkeys chatter
12. owls hoot
13. puppies yelp or bark
14. serpents hiss
- turkeys gobble
16. chatter of teeth
17. beating of drums
18. sound of footsteps .
19. clatter of hoofs
20. jingling of coins
21. asses bray,
22. cats mew or purr
- birds twitter
23. crows crow
24. ducks quack
25. flies buzz
- 26 geese gable
27. hens clucks/cackle
28. jackals howl
29. larks warble
30. mice squeak
31. parrots talk
32. ravens croak
33. tigers growl
34. vultures scream
- 35. whistling of engines

- 36. blare of trumpets 37. creaking of shoes
38. sighing of woods 39. rippling of water
- 40. bears growl 41. bulls bellow 42. cattle
low 43. eagles scream 44. goats bleat
- 45. horses snort or neigh 46. kittens mew 47.
lions roar 48. nightingales sing
- 49. pigs grunt 50. seagulls scream 51. swans
cry 52. wolves howl 53. clank of chains
- 54. jingling of bells 55. slamming of doors 56.
rustling of leaves

C-IDIOMATIC COMPARISONS

- As bald as a badger As cheerful as a lark • As brittle as glass
- As cold as ice/as a stone • As cold as charity As cunning as a fox
- As deep as a well As dry as dust • As dumb as a statute As
fair as a rose • As fat as butter As firm as a lock/rock
- As fleet as a deer As fresh as a daisy • As gay as a lark
- As gaudy as a butterfly • As graceful as a swan As greedy as a wolf
- As grasping as a miser As green as cabbage • As hard as marble
- As harmless as a dove • As hoarse as a crow As hot as pepper
- As innocent as a dove As light as air • As like as two beans

As like as twins • As loose as a rope of sand - As merry as a cricket • As mute as a fish As nimble as a bee • -As old as the hills - As pale as a ghost • As playful as kitten - As plentiful as blackberries • As poor as a church mouse - As proud as a Lucifer • As quick as thought - As quiet as a mouse • As red as blood/as a rose - As regular as a clock work • As ripe as a cherry As round as an apple • As salty as herring - As silent as the dead • As silent as the stars - As silly as a sheep • As slender as thread -As smooth as butter • As smooth as oil -As cold as marble • As cool as cucumber - As dark as midnight • As dead as a doornail - As dry as a bone/stick • As drunk as a lord - As easy as water sift

**As fierce as wind - As flat as a board • As free as air
As fresh as a rose • As gaudy as a peacock**

**As gentle as a lamb • As good as a play - As grave
as a judge • As greedy as a dog - As happy as a king
• As hard as a stone - As heavy as lead • As hot as
fire As hungry as a horse -• As light as a
feather/butterfly - As loud as a thunder • As mad as
a hatter - As mute as mice -• As pale as a dead
person -As plump as a partridge • As quick as
lightning -As round as a ball -• As sharp as a
razor/needle -As smooth as velvet • To spread like
wild fire -To shake like an aspen leaf -• As soft as
butter/wax - As sour as crab • As stiff as a post - As
still as a statue • As straight as an arrow**

- **As stupid as a donkey • As sweet as sugar -
As swift as an arrow • As sure as death - As
tall as poplar/steeple -• As tame as a hare -
As thick as a hailstone -• As tough as leather-
As tricky as a monkey -• As ugly as a
scarecrow/toad - As unstable as water •
As warm as wool - As weak as a baby /cat/
kitten**
- **As watchful as a hawk - As wet as a drowned
rat • As white as snow/wool - As wise as a
serpent**

- **As wise as Solomon - As yellow as saffron**
- **She wept as a flood of tears - As merry as the day long -**
- **As changeable as a moon**
- As busy as a bee • As black as coal/as ink -**
- As blind as a mole or a bat • As bold as a lion -**
- As bright as a day or as light • As brown as a berry -**
- As clear as crystal - • As black as a crow/as midnight -**
- As bitter as gall • As bold as brass -**
- As blind as a beetle --- • As bright as silver**

F-DIMINUTIVES

Diminutives are short, pithy and terse forms of any word used to express smallness in shape and contents.

- Ankle - Anklet
- Book - Booklet
- Crown - Coronet
- Eye - Eyelet
- Man - Manikin
- Poet - Poetaster
- Stream - Streamlet
- Cat - Kitten
- Eagle- Eaglet
- Leaf - Leaflet
- Part - Particle
- Shade - shadow
- Arm- Armlet
- Bull -Bullock
- Duck - Duckling
- Lamb - Lambkin
- Owl - Owlet
- River- Rivulet
- Brook - Brooklet
- Dear - Darling
- Hill - Hillock
- Nest - Nesting
- Ring -Ringlet
- Tower -Turret

G)-FOREIGN WORDS AND THEIR PLURALS

- **SINGULAR**

- Addendum
- Appendix
- Basis
- Criterion
- Formula
- Genus
- Index
- Memorandum
- Oasis
- Radius

- **PLURAL**

- Addenda
- Appendices
- Bases
- Criteria
- Formulas or Formulae
- Genera
- Indices
- Memoranda
- Oases
- Radii

Singular

- Erratum
- Genius
- Hypothesis
- Index
- Nucleus
- Phenomenon
- Series
- Stimulus

Plural

errata

Geniuses/Genii

Hypotheses

Indexes (books)

Nuclei

Phenomena

Series

Stimuli

- Species
- Stratum
- Analysis
- Axis
- Crisis
- Terminus

Species

Strata

Analyses

Axes

Crises

Terminuses or Termini