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Group Communications Worksheets

It is essential that your team learn to speak well and clearly articulate their ideas and solutions. This series presents exercises we've used at our meetings.

Plural Climate Nouns: *What do you call a bunch of clouds?*

How to use this exercise:

A gaggle of geese. A school of fish. But how about a cast of hawks? Or a stud of mares? Instead of animals, how about an impudence of peddlers? Or a melody of harpists? In football, a huddle of players or a cuss of coaches. How about a patch of quilters or a catchword of crossword puzzlers?

These are called collective or plural nouns. They describe groups of items more descriptively than just saying: "There's a bunch of geese." Rather you would say, "There's a gaggle of geese."

A good plural noun describes its subject in some creative way that demonstrates appearance, sound, action, colors, and other attributes.

For example:

- A bunch of cowboys could be a "Rodeo of cowboys"
- Some carrots could be a "Crunch of carrots"
- Photographers could be a "Flash of photographers" or a "Razzi of Photographers" (from 'paparazzi')

Here are some examples of established collective nouns...

Army of Caterpillars	Deceit of Lapwings	Knot of Toads	Route of Wolves
Bale of Turtles	Descent of Woodpeckers	Labor of Moles	School of Fish
Band of Men	Dissimulation of Birds	Leap of Leopards	Seige of Herons
Barren of Mules	Dray of Squirrels	Litter of Pups	Shoal of Bass
Bevy of Beauties	Drift of Hogs	Murder of Crows	Shrewdness of Apes
Bevy of Roebucks	Drove of Cattle	Murmuration of Starlings	Singular of Boars
Bouquet of Pheasants	Dule of Doves	Mustering of Storks	Skien of Geese (Airborn)
Brood of Hens	Exaltation of Lark	Nest of Rabbits	Skulk of Foxes
Building of Rooks (Birds)	Fall of Woodchucks	Ostentation of Peacocks	Slate of Candidates
Business of Ferrets	Flight of Swallows	Paddling of Ducks	Sloth of Bears
Cast of Hawks	Flock of Sheep	Parliament of Owls	Smack of Jellyfish
Cete of Badgers	Gaggle of Geese	Passel of Brats	Sounder of Swine
Charm of Finches	Gam of Whales	Peep of Chickens	Spring of Teal
Clowder of Cats	Gang of Elk	Pencil of Lines	String of Ponies
Clutch of Eggs	Harras of Horses	Pitying of Turtledoves	Swarm of Bees
Colony of Ants	Herd of Elephants	Plauge of Locust	Tidings of Magpies
Congregation of Plovers	Host of Angels	Pod of Seals	Trip of Goats
Covey of Partridges	Host of Sparrows	Pride of Lions	Troop of Kangaroos
Cowardice of Curs	Hover of Trout	Rafter of Turkeys	Unkindness of Ravens
Crash of Rhinoceroses	Husk of Hares	Rag of Colts	Walk of Snipe
Cry of Players (Actors)	Kindle of Kittens	Richness of Martens	Watch of Nightingales

This is something anyone can do.

Are you ready?



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Word	Collective Terms
Clouds	
Rain Drops	
Streams	
Lightning Bursts	
Sleet	
Hail	
Snow	
Wind	
Sunshine	
Ice	
Icicles	
Tornado	
Hurricane	
Fog	
Mist	
Heat	
Cold	
Climatologists	
Jet Streams	
Tsunamis	
Smog	
Weather	
Lego Teams	