

NOUNS

“Behind every word a world is hidden that must be imagined.” - Heinrich Böll

Question: What is a noun?

- A noun can be a person, a place, a thing, or an abstract idea.
- Person: Annie, Willy Wonka, Kyle
- Place: Ottawa, Egypt, Antarctica
- Thing: cat, milk, club, army
- Abstract ideas: love, hate, freedom, intelligence

We can place nouns in several categories. However, “collective noun” is the only one you will need to know for this site.

Collective Nouns are nouns that name groups., e.g., club, army, committee

- Their verbs can be singular or plural, depending on the situation.
- If all the members of a club are looking at a book, they act as one entity. Use a singular verb.

The club looks at the book.

- If all the members are doing different things, then use a plural verb.

The club write letters to various MPs.