

A NUISANCE OF NOUNS



A collective noun is a word that is used to show the name of a group of something. They are often quite strange words, for example.... A **flock** of sheep, a **herd** of cows, a **school** of fish, a **troop** of monkeys and a **pride** of lions are familiar.

There are also some really strange ones that people used to love using in pub quizzes; a **parliament** of owls, an **unkindness** of ravens, a **murder** of crows and a **kaleidoscope** of butterflies.

Being the capable, confident and creative poetry writers that you are, you could always create your own collective nouns. I've done exactly that in my poem below. Can you see how I've used alphabetical order?

An abandonment of orphans
A bounce of babies
A charge of hippopotamuses
A direction of weathervanes
An explosion of Easter eggs
A fist of soldiers
A garden of scrap cars
A hum of hoovers
An interrogation of inspectors
A jingle of elves
A kilowatt of lightbulbs
A lottery of dice
A monstrosity of roundabouts
A nighttime of robbers
An octagon of stop signs
A prayer of nuns
A quack of crackers
A rush of delivery drivers
A spoon of Cheerios
A terror of traffic wardens
An understanding of big sisters
A vestibule of deep sea divers
A wandering of camels
An X ray of barely used letters
A yesterday of promises
A zone of satisfaction

Use the same alphabet structure and write your own poem here. Have fun. I certainly did!