

# Collective Nouns

**Elisa's Diary**  
Grammar: Singular and  
Plural Nouns

A **collective noun** names a group of people, animals, or things that act as a unit. Treat a collective noun like a singular noun, unless it names more than one group.

**singular collective noun**

*Our class planned a celebration.*

**plural collective noun**

*All grade 5 classes are invited.*

## Thinking Questions

*Which word names a group of people, places, things, or ideas? Which verb describes what the group does?*

**Activity Underline the collective noun in each sentence. Write whether each collective noun is singular or plural.**

1. The teacher chose Elisa for the spelling team.
2. Elisa's family was happy when she won a spelling bee.
3. José spoke to a school audience about the traditions of Guatemala.
4. José's father is on several committees at the community center.
5. In the United States, a jury decides whether a person is innocent or guilty of a crime.
6. Both groups planned to perform a show together in August.