

Unit 1: Parts of Speech [1]

Exercise 1: singular nouns and plural nouns.

A **noun** is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea. A **singular noun** names one person, place, thing, or idea, and a **plural noun** names more than one.

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
Person:	friend	friends
Place:	field	fields
Thing:	melody	melodies
Idea:	freedom	freedoms

A **collective noun** names a group. A collective noun is singular when it refers to the group as a whole. A collective noun is plural when it refers to the individual members of a group.

The **committee** is studying the issue. (singular)

The **committee** have gone to lunch. (plural)

Tick S for singular nouns and pl. for plural noun for the underlined words

e.g.: The **staff** voted to rearrange their schedules.

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1. Our **group** is planning a trip to New York.
2. The fountain in Grant Park is lovely at **night**.
3. A **crowd** had formed outside the department store.
4. The **class** donated their time to the senior citizens' center.
5. A company of actors entertained the **children**.
6. **Sheep** grazed on the grassy plain while tourists took pictures.
7. The soccer team will practice after the softball **team**.
8. The greenhouse was filled with **orchids** and irises.
9. This road follows the **shoreline** for five miles.
10. We saw surreys, covered wagons, and **streetcars** at the transportation museum.
11. The art **league** sponsored a competition for high school students.
12. Natalie and Suzanne often watch the evening **news**.
13. **Geese** wandered into our pond and stayed for nearly a week.
14. A vacant mansion was hidden behind the overgrown **trees**.
15. The show choir left their costumes in the **auditorium**.