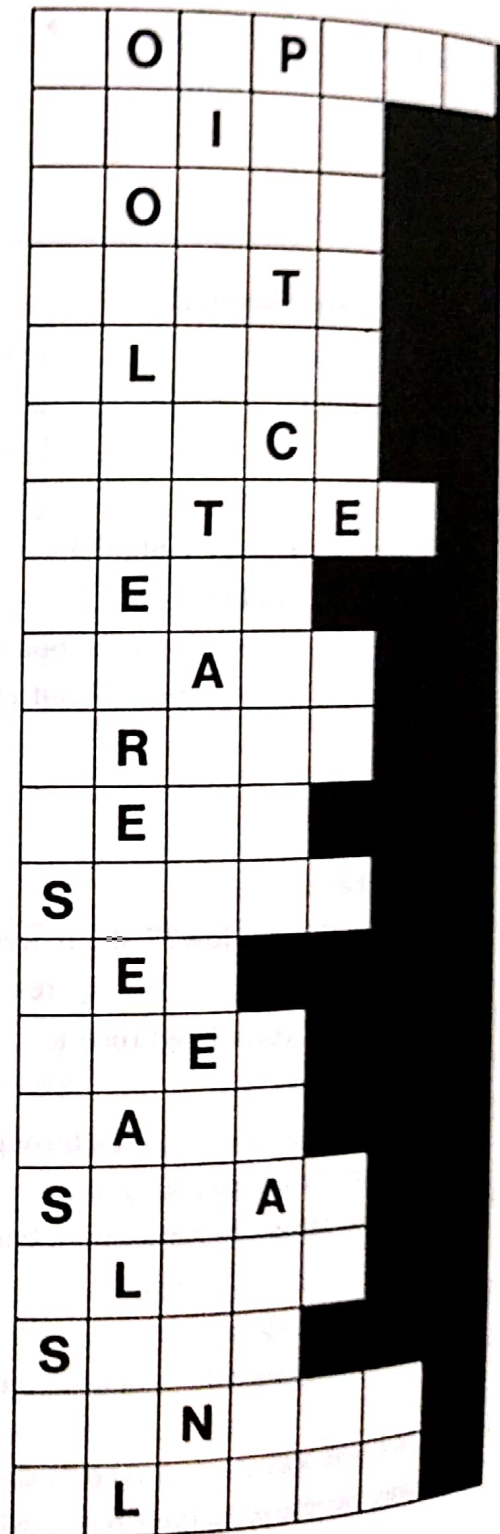


# 12 Collective nouns

Fill in the missing words.

- 1 A ..... of actors
- 2 A ..... of Indians
- 3 A ..... of directors
- 4 A ..... of furniture
- 5 A ..... of birds
- 6 A ..... of grapes
- 7 A ..... of puppies
- 8 A ..... of football players
- 9 A ..... of teachers
- 10 A ..... of people
- 11 A ..... of cattle
- 12 A ..... of bees
- 13 A ..... of golf clubs
- 14 A ..... of sailors
- 15 A ..... of wolves
- 16 A ..... of fish
- 17 A ..... of ships
- 18 A ..... of armour
- 19 A ..... of rags
- 20 A ..... of steps



## EXERCISES

- a. Insert the correct article, if necessary, in the blank spaces
1. .... wealth does not always bring .... happiness.
2. .... weather is very peculiar this year.
3. .... Russia of .... Czars was very different from .... Russia of today.
4. Does .... equality mean anything if it is applied to .... people?
5. Perhaps .... bed is .... most essential article of furniture in .... house.
6. .... longer you stay in .... England .... better you should understand .... mentality of .... people.
7. .... banks of .... Seine in .... Paris are better laid out than those of .... Thames in .... London.
8. She works as .... usherette in .... cinema.
9. .... London of Dickens' time comes to .... life in his books.
10. .... wisdom does not always come with .... age.
11. .... applause at .... end of .... concert was deafening.
12. He swore to fulfil his life's ambition by .... hook or by .... crook.
13. .... debris was scattered all over .... road.
14. May I draw .... attention to .... discrepancy between your figures and ours?
15. .... captain never gives .... order to abandon .... ship until all .... hope of saving it is lost.
16. That curtaining material cost £5 .... yard.
17. .... freedom of .... speech is .... good principle, even if .... abuse of it has to be curbed.
18. .... books lying on .... table belong to .... friend of mine.
19. .... intellectual curiosity is .... pre-requisite to .... study.
20. He was ordered to do it on .... pain of .... death.
21. .... death of Shelley was .... great loss to .... poetry.
22. Flying from London to Madrid, one passes over .... France and .... Pyrenees.
23. In .... olden days .... knights wore .... armour when they went into .... battle.
24. I went to .... wedding but could not stay for .... wedding breakfast.
25. .... Jungfrau is not half as high as .... Everest, but is nearly .... four times as high as .... Snowdon. After .... Himalayas, I think .... Andes are .... highest chain of .... mountains in .... world.
26. Do you expect me to go all .... way back to .... school to look for .... hairpin you might have dropped there?
27. He stopped on .... crest of .... hill to take .... breath.
28. .... internal combustion engine has revolutionised .... transport.
29. He showed .... enthusiasm but without .... tech-



# 54 Stress: noun and verb

Remember to keep checking the stress patterns of words as you can cause confusion if you get this wrong.

Some words have the stress on a different syllable depending on whether they are a noun or a verb, for example:

**import** (noun)

**import** (verb)

Most words, however, do not change their stress but it is important to know which syllable the stress is on.

In this exercise you must put the words into three lists corresponding to their stress pattern.

Remember to check any words you are not sure about.

**answer**  
**attempt**  
**comfort**  
**conduct**  
**control**  
**convict**  
**decay**  
**defeat**

**display**  
**favour**  
**gossip**  
**honour**  
**increase**  
**mistake**  
**parade**  
**picture**

**present**  
**produce**  
**question**  
**rebel**  
**record**  
**regard**  
**regret**  
**shower**

**subject**  
**support**  
**suspect**  
**transport**  
**treasure**  
**visit**

1. Stress on the  
first syllable

2. Stress on the  
second syllable

3. Variable  
stress

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## 51 Body idioms — 2

Complete each sentence with the correct part of the body.  
Choose from the following words. Some are used more than once.

arms	fingers	hands	neck
back	feet	head	nose
eyes	foot	heart	teeth
face	hand	legs	tongue

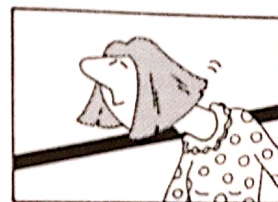
- I'm fed up to the back ..... with all these complaints!
- They managed to get the upper ..... and gain control of the company.
- He looked so ridiculous that it was hard to keep a straight .....
- I got off on the wrong ..... by arriving late for the interview.
- He looked down his ..... at people who earned a lower salary than he did.



- The car changed ..... at a good price.
- I can't turn my ..... on her now that she's in so much trouble.
- He didn't want to lose ..... by admitting he had made a mistake.
- You must never set ..... in there again!
- I've got my ..... full at the moment but I'll be able to help you next month.

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- Let's go for a walk to stretch our .....
- He can't have been serious! Are you sure he didn't have his ..... in his cheek when he said it?
- I'm going to stick my ..... out and say the weekend will be a great success.



- She may seem a bit frightening but her ..... is in the right place.
- I'm afraid the wine went to my ..... and I made rather a fool of myself.
- The meeting got out of ..... and they had to call the police.
- She got cold ..... when she realised how difficult it would be, and tried to get out of doing it.
- Let's keep our ..... crossed that the weather will be better tomorrow.
- We had to pay through the ..... to get a hotel room as we had arrived at a busy time.
- She didn't exactly welcome her daughter-in-law with open .....
- I wish he wouldn't poke his ..... into other people's business.
- In his mother's ....., he can do no wrong.
- I'm happy that our daughter's education is in such good .....
- I can't make ..... nor tail of this exercise.

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