

36 . Groups and Amounts

Groups of animals

- 1. a flock of birds , sheep
- 2. a murder of crows *
- 3. a herd of kettle and elephants or deer*
- 4. a troop of baboons , monkeys
- 5. a shoal of sardines and fish
- 6. a swarm of flying insects (bees , locusts)
- 7. a pack of dogs , hounds and wolves
- 8. a pod of dolphins and whales
- 9. a pride of lions

* a deer / one deer , many deer

a male deer is called a buck

bucks have antlers (which are deer horns)

a female deer is a doe

a baby deer is called a fawn / fawns (plural)

birds flap their wings when flying

sometimes they just glide / soar

ducks have webbed feet

eagles have claws

crows caw

roosters crow at dawn

small birds chirp or tweet

seagulls squawk

* Hence , “ what do you call two crows sitting on a telephone wire ? - Attempted murder “

Feelings and behavior

- 1. a flurry of activity / speculation / excitement / interest or snow
- 2. a flicker of emotion / interest or hope
- 3. a touch of humor / sadness / irony
- 4. a touch of class **
- 5. a glimmer of hope / interest / light or understanding
- 6. a whole gamut of emotions (also musical notes and colors)

7. a stroke of genius / luck
8. a stroke of work (negatively - “ He never does a stroke of work “

Food

1. a hunk of bread *
2. a clove of garlic
3. a bed of rice
4. a knob of butter
5. a dollop of cream **
6. a drop of brandy
7. a dash of cream ***
8. a sprinkling of cinnamon

* a thin slice of bread

** a large scoop of cream

*** a small amount of liquid or cream