



## Birds of a feather



**Collective noun** - the word used to represent a group of people, animals, or things. E.g., a flock of birds

Can you work out the **collective noun** is used for these **birds**? For example, a collection of ravens can also be known as an “unkindness”. Many **collective nouns** relate back to the **medieval period**, which is probably why some of them sound so strange!

Can you match up the correct type of bird with their collective noun? Write your answers below and then check them on our answer sheet.

Number	Birds	Letter	Collective Noun	Answer Number	Answer Letter
1	CROWS	A	CONSPIRACY		
2	COOTS	B	HERMITAGE		
3	MAGPIES	C	PARLIAMENT		
4	ROBINS	D	QUARREL		
5	STARLINGS	E	WORM		
6	OWLS	F	EXHALTATION		
7	EIDER DUCKS	G	MURDER		
8	SPARROWS	H	DECEMENT		
9	THRUSHES	I	ASYLUM		
10	RAVENS	J	COMMITTEE		
11	SKYLARKS	K	GAGGLE		
12	WRENS	L	MISCHIEF		
13	BUZZARDS	M	CROWN		
14	ROOKS	N	ORCHESTRA		
15	CUCKOOS	O	QUILT		
16	MERLINS	P	WATER DANCE		
17	KINGFISHER	Q	WAKE		
18	AVOCETS	R	MURMURATION		
19	GREBES	S	BOOBY		
20	NUTHATCHES	T	PITYING		
21	PTARMIGANS	U	SCOLD		
22	WOODPECKERS	V	WISDOM		
23	GEESE	W	CAST		
24	TERNS	X	COMMOTION		
25	JAYS	Y	INVISIBLNESS		
26	TURTLE DOVES	Z	CHIME		