

Group (collective) nouns

Subject - verb agreement

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with words in brackets. _____

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When the jury reached its decision, the verdict will be read out. (have)

The jury among themselves on this issue. (disagree)

The herd usually together in its fold all night. (stay)

The herd been running in all directions since they started to panic. (have)

The old usually wiser than the young. (be)

Our family mostly vegetarians or even vegans. (be)

Kate's family the winter holiday in its cottage in the mountains each year. (spend)

The poor the government's support and social services. (require)

The team each practising different skills today. (be)

The team has won all the matches and in the finals now. (be)

The committee decided to put forward its next meeting to Wednesday. (have)

The committee been discussing their proposals since the morning. (have)

Answer key

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