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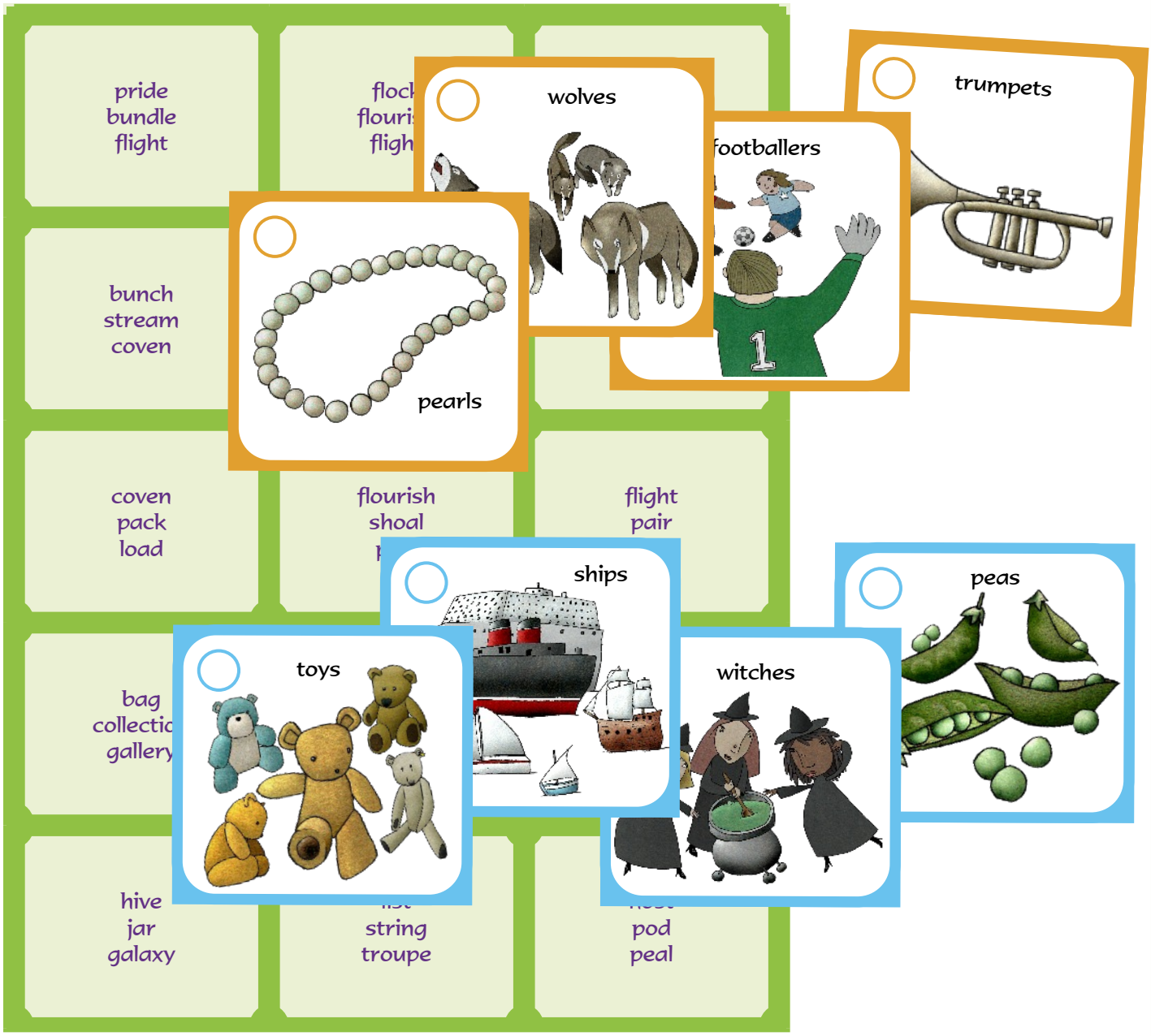

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Suitable for pupils aged 6+

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Tameside Ethnic Minority Achievement Team
Illustrated by Michael Levett

Theme: Collective Nouns
Age range: 6+

Context:
The Collections Game was developed to expand pupils' vocabulary in a fun way. It will help them to identify items that are normally collected into groups such as bunches (flowers) or flocks (sheep).
We have also provided spare blank cards for pupils to add more collective nouns or you could encourage them to make up their own for example, 'What would you call a collection of computers?'
Please share any of your new ideas by emailing them back to us, and we will insert them into the activity in the future to expand our library of resources.

Preparation:
Print out the A4 sheets.
If possible, laminate the Game Board. We have left some of the Collection Cards blank for pupils to add their own. Once you are ready to use the Collection Cards cover the printouts in 'clear pvc self adhesive film' before cutting them out.

HOW TO PLAY:
You need four players, one Game Board and two sets of Collection Cards (different colour borders).
Work with a partner to make a team of two.
Shuffle your team cards and place them in a pile face down.
Take turns to turn over your top card and decide where to put it on the board. For example, if you have an item (eg geese) that fits the collective word (eg gaggle) on the board you can place it there. Everyone has to agree that the picture fits the word.
Some of the items are in everyday use but we have also included some that are less well-known. If you think of a new item that fits a word on the board, then you have to justify it to the other players as to why it should be included.
(A good way to check if a collective noun is in use is to Google it.) The team with the first four cards in a line either vertically, horizontally or diagonally wins.

Learning Outcomes:
Pupils will have expanded their vocabulary by being able to name differing collective nouns. If you have found further learning outcomes please share them by emailing collaborate@mantralingua.com, quoting LitCNo.01

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use PENpal to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)

Collections – Cards

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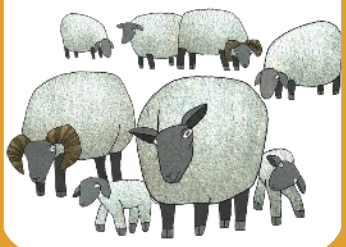

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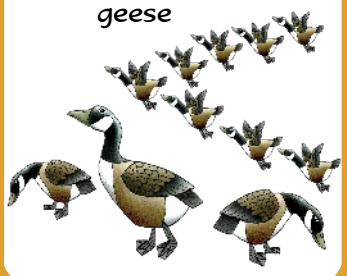

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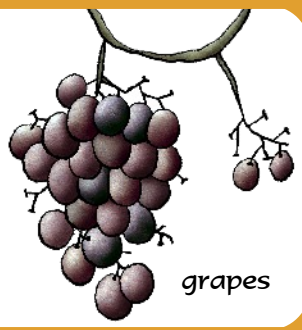

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ships

aircraft

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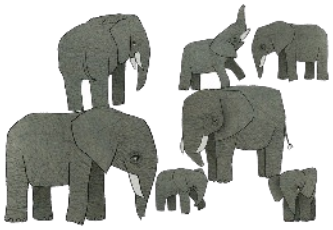

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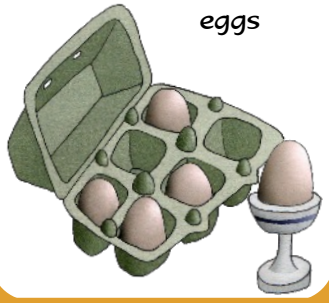

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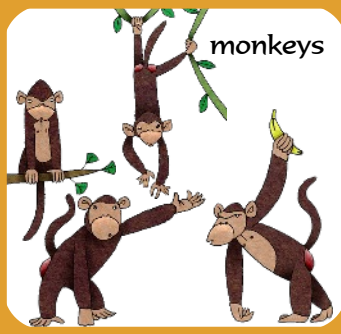

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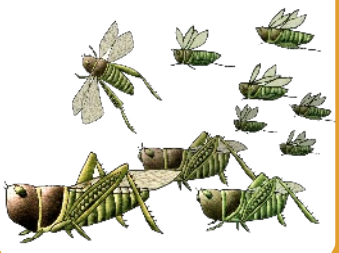

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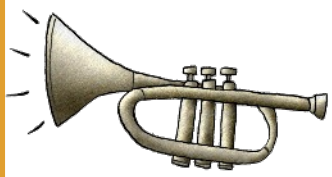

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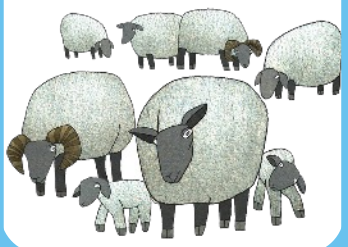

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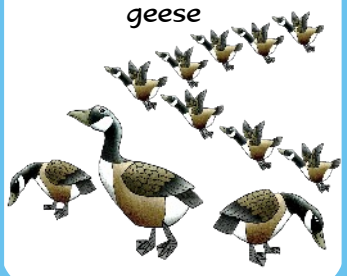

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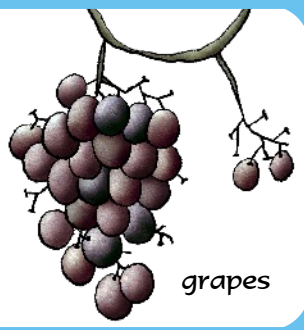

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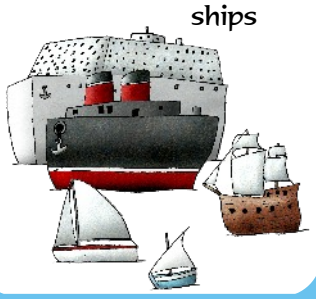

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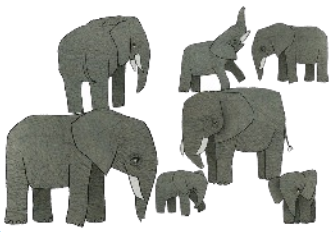

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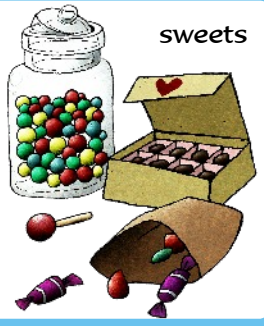

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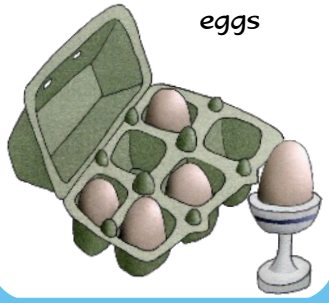

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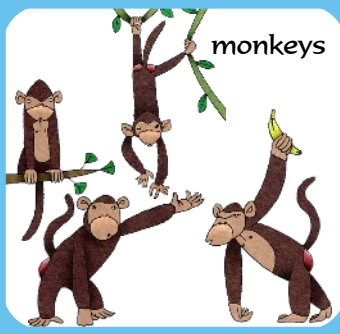

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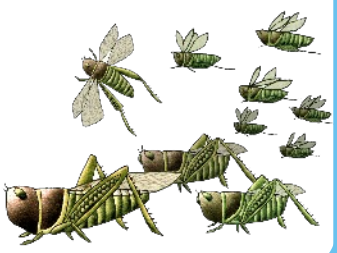

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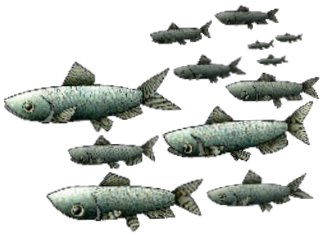

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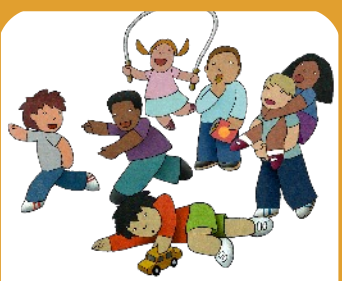

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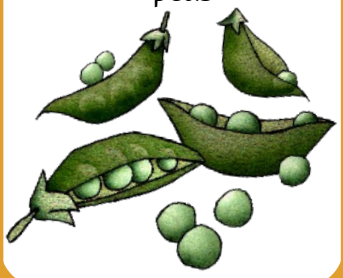

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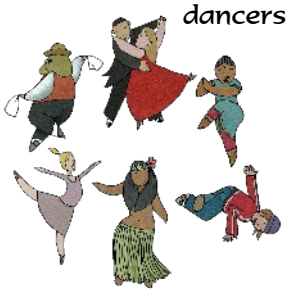

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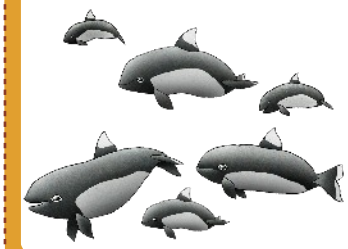

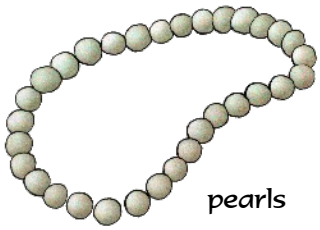

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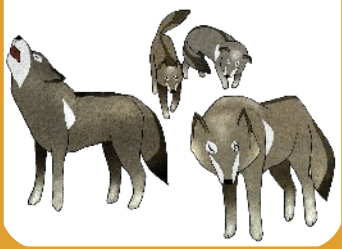

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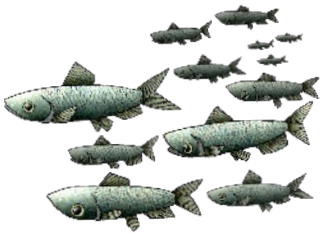

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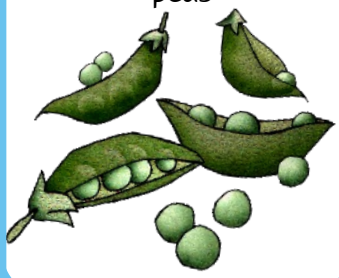

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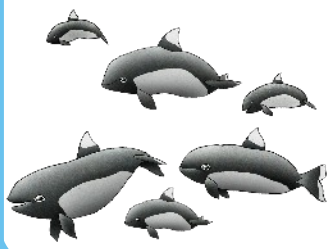

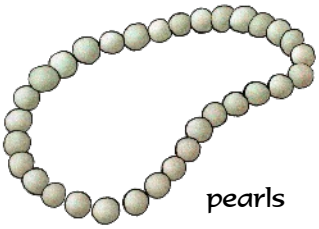

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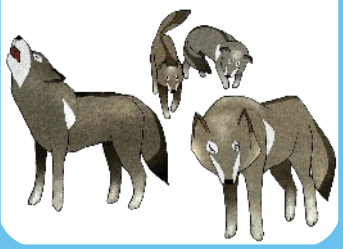

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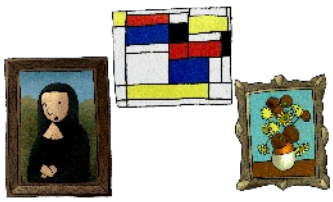

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pride bundle flight	flock flourish flight	gaggle swarm cluster
bunch stream coven	bundle bag clutch	stream handful hive
coven pack load	flourish shoal pair	flight pair set
bag collection gallery	clutch den herd	handful team group
hive jar galaxy	list string troupe	host pod peal
swarm school pack	fleet shoal set	cluster pride flock

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pack pride flock	load gaggle bunch	shoal bundle stream
pair coven flourish	set flight bag	collection clutch handful
gallery hive list	den host swarm	herd fleet cluster
team troupe bevy	group peal clutch	jar string handful
galaxy pair load	string bundle set	troupe bag list
colony group list	peal herd den	school flock pride