## Chapter 4. Nouns

**Exercise 1**. Underline the **abstract nouns** in this small paragraph about Gandhiji:

Gandhiji loved truth very much. He could make any sacrifice for it. He also believed that a person could not be truthful without courage, sincerity and carefulness. His faith helped him to be truthful.



**Exercise 2**. Fill in the blanks with the **abstract nouns** formed from the words given in the brackets.

- 1. Many people in our villages are still living in great \_\_\_\_\_\_. (poor)
- 2. His father suffered a heavy \_\_\_\_\_ in business. (lose)
- 3. We should be careful in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of our friends. (choose)
- 4. He was selected for his \_\_\_\_\_\_ to field well. (able)
- 5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of her voice impressed everyone. (sweet)
- 6. We reached the station only five minutes before the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the train. (depart)
- 7. At Mother Dairy booths, we can be sure of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the milk we get. (pure)
- 8. I did not get the \_\_\_\_\_ on time. (inform)
- 9. This child is physically weak. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is much below normal. (grow)
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ is dear even to animals. (free)
- 11. Peals of \_\_\_\_\_\_ could be heard from inside the classroom. (laugh)
- 12. I have a great \_\_\_\_\_\_ in inviting you to my brother's wedding. (please)

**Exercise 3**. Match the descriptions in Column A with the **collective nouns** in Column B to know what various groups of people are called:

## Column A

## **Collective Nouns**

1. a group of people listening to a lecture	(a) mob
2. a group of people working on a ship	(b) spectators
3. a group of players	(c) audience
4. a group of people looting, breaking things	(d) choir
5. a group of people gathered without any purpose	(e) congregation
6. a group of people gathered to watch a sports event	(f) crew
7. a group of people gathered for worship or prayer	(g) cast
8. a group of people who sing together (in a church)	(h) troupe
9. a group of actors in a film or a play	(i) team
10. a group of performers who work and travel together	(j) crowd