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 |
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| 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 |