Collective Nouns

A collective noun refers to a group of people, animals, things, or ideas.

- A collective noun takes a singular verb when talking about the group as a whole.
  
  Example: The team is ready to warm up.

- A collective noun takes a plural verb when talking about different parts of the group.
  
  Example: Some of the team have done jumping jacks while others have done push-ups.

Complete each sentence with the correct verb form.

1. A swarm of locusts ________________ heading our way!
2. Some of the locusts ________________ gigantic!
3. The members of the jury ________________ casting votes.
4. The jury ________________ deliberating behind closed doors.
5. The crowd ________________ angry about having to wait hours for tickets.
6. Some people in the crowd ________________ leaving the ticket line.
7. The class ________________ waiting patiently for the teacher.
8. All of the students ________________ beginning to get restless.
9. The crew ________________ flown into space before.
10. The members of the crew ________________ trained to do different tasks.

Think of four other collective nouns. (Hint: Many collective nouns name groups of animals.)

1. ________________
2. ________________
3. ________________
4. ________________

Write a sentence for each collective noun.

1. ________________
2. ________________
3. ________________
4. ________________

A school refers to a group of fish. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph about fish. Check to make sure that each sentence has subject-verb agreement.