

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate collective nouns for groups of animals.

A _____ of sheep grazed in the field.
 We saw a _____ of geese flying south for the winter.
 The _____ of fish in the aquarium is mesmerizing.
 The forest was quiet, except for the occasional hoot of a _____ of owls.
 She watched the _____ of dolphins leaping out of the water.
 The farmer keeps a _____ of cows on his dairy farm.
 An _____ of eagles soared high in the sky.
 The _____ of bees was busy collecting nectar from the flowers.
 In the distance, you could hear the howling of a _____ of wolves.
 A _____ of ants marched in a straight line across the path.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of an appropriate verb in the present simple or present continuous. Some of the verbs are given in brackets, some of the verbs you have to think of yourself.

I _____ (love) playing football. At the moment I _____ for a team in my home town, but I think I will be able to move to a team in a higher division if I continue to play as well as I _____ (play) now.

I _____ (train) every Tuesday and Thursday, and the matches _____ on Sunday mornings. Currently, the team _____ nearly every week. In fact, we haven't lost for 4 months, so we _____ (climb) up the league table.

My dad actually _____ (manage) the team, which _____ its advantages and disadvantages. I sometimes feel a little bit uncomfortable having my father as a manager, as he _____ (shout) at me more than the other players, but it _____ me a lot of motivation. Also, he _____ (get) calmer as he _____ older.

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate animal-related idiom. (Some of them are not related to beasts, but that is not important.)

Don't count your chickens before they _____.
 She's as busy as a _____ in a beehive.
 He's a lone wolf and prefers to work _____.
 After the argument, they decided to bury the _____.
 She has a memory like an _____.
 His excuses are as thin as _____ hair.
 You can lead a _____ to water, but you can't make it drink.
 When they work together, they're a real _____ in crime.
 She's been feeling under the weather, like a _____ in a storm.
 He's always been the black _____ of the family.

Link these sayings to their meanings. You may need to investigate these sayings on your own

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| A dog's breakfast | ● | ● | A direct path to something |
| A nest of vipers | ● | ● | A mess |
| Cat burglar | ● | ● | A thief able to climb skillfully. |
| As busy as a bee | ● | ● | A group of treacherous people |
| As the crow flies | ● | ● | Too much work to rest |