

crowd

1 Verb + crowd

Use the correct form of these verbs:

attract avoid control
disappear into disperse mingle with

1. Soldiers fired rubber bullets in order to the crowd of protesters who were threatening to storm the embassy.
2. Every week Manchester United draw huge crowds. Their last match a record crowd of over 60,000.
3. One minute Lily was by our side. The next minute she was gone. We searched and searched, but she had just the crowd. She was nowhere to be seen.
4. I want to get into town early on Saturday to the crowds. Shall we meet at 9?
5. During the match, plain-clothes police the crowd to try to identify the main trouble-makers.
6. The police had brought horses and water cannon to the crowd, but they weren't needed as everyone was very well-behaved.

2 Verb expressions

Underline the verbs that collocate with *crowd* in the sentences below.

1. A large crowd had gathered around the scene of the accident, making it difficult for the ambulance to get through.
2. When the army opened fire, the crowd of protesters scattered. People ran in all directions.
3. Soon after the announcement of the King's death, a crowd began to collect outside the palace.
4. Ten minutes before full-time, the crowd had thinned and the stadium was half-empty.
5. The crowd started to lose interest in the speeches and began to drift away.
6. An excited crowd had congregated around the entrance to the cinema, hoping to catch a glimpse of Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

Which verbs describe the appearance and which describe the disappearance of a crowd?

appear:
disappear:

3 Adjective + crowd

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

angry assembled cheering
panic-stricken capacity well-behaved

1. The President was welcomed enthusiastically by crowds, chanting 'Long live the President'.
2. The accused man was jostled and shoved by an crowd as he left the court. His victims had all been young children.
3. The bishop mounted the platform and began to speak to the crowd. Many had been waiting for hours to hear him.
4. Police said that the crowd at yesterday's match were very good-humoured and This was in sharp contrast to the unruly crowd that had caused so much trouble at the previous match.
5. Ten people lost their lives in a fire in a night-club last night. They were trampled to death as the crowd tried to escape.
6. The Cup Final was watched by a crowd. There wasn't an empty seat in the stadium.

Go back and underline the complete expression in each sentence.

Notes

1. If you 'stand out from the crowd', you are different in some way.
With her bright pink coat and hat, the Queen stood out from the crowd around her.
2. If you are 'one of the crowd', you are just like everyone else.
Now that I've left the band, I just want to lead a quiet life and be one of the crowd.
3. Note the following example:
When Robbie Williams appeared on stage, the crowd went wild.
4. Note the verbs which can follow 'crowd':
*The crowd just melted into the side streets.
The crowd poured out of the football ground.
The crowd roared its approval.
The crowd cheered / booed / hissed / jeered.
The crowd lined the streets, waving flags.*