English Language Name: _____ Grade 7__

A Walk with Nouns

In Barbados, there lived the Forbes family. There was Karl the father, Denise the mother, Georgia the daughter, and William the son. They all lived in the parish of Pineapple Mount.

One day, the family decided to take their litter of puppies out for a walk in the park. Georgia carried a puppy in her hand. It gave a jerk, and a quick bark as it escaped from her hand. It had seen a brood of hens walking by. "Don't you want to see that herd of sweet cows?" Georgia called out to her puppy. But the puppy shook his head and went to see a knot of toads resting behind some stones. Nearby was a murder of crows whose squawks startled him. The puppy got scared and unknowingly charged through a flock of sheep grazing. He barked and frightened a flight of doves. They flew away in a rush.

"Why did you let him get away?" asked William, laughing, as he thought it was entertaining. "Where did Mom go?" asked Georgia, ignoring her annoying brother. "She went to watch a troop of dancers" replied Mr. Forbes. “She has joined the crowd of people over by the stand that sells various bouquets of flowers.”, he continued. "Hey look! Your puppy is dancing for that orchestra of musicians!" exclaimed William. "Come here, you naughty puppy" said Georgia firmly, "we are taking you home now". She gently picked up the pup and they went home.

As they walked home, they spotted a stand of flamingos. "Aren't these beautiful?" said Mrs. Forbes, as she took a picture of a squabble of seagulls. When they reached home, the litter raced up and down the flight of stairs as they played with a bunch of keys. Georgia and William got a stack of books and decided to write about the numerous _____ **nouns** they had come across that day.

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PART A

Exercise: After reading the story, complete the following table with nouns from the story. Pay careful attention to the headings for each column and the number of nouns required.

Common Nouns (10)	Proper Nouns (5)	Collective Nouns (10)

PART B

Comprehension: Based on the passage above, give appropriate answers for each of the following questions.

1. Where did the family live?

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2. What are the full names of the mother and the father?

   Mother - _____

   Father - _____

3. How many persons went on the walk with the puppies?

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4. Who was walking with a puppy in hand?

_____

5. Which group of animals was grazing?

_____

6. What startled the pup in the park?

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7. What were the pups playing with as they ran up the stairs?

_____

8. What did Georgia and William write about in their books?

_____

9. **From the story**, give a collective noun that names a group of:

   a. People - _____

   b. Animals - _____

   c. Things - _____

10. How many animals are talked about in the story? _____

11. What animal did the Forbes have as their pets?

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