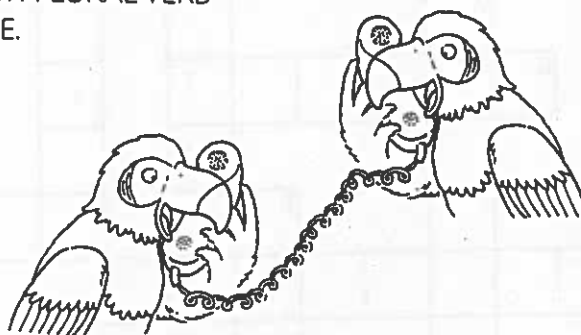


Collective Nouns

colony	knot	skulk	company	string
gaggle	school	bed	gang	troop

A **COLLECTIVE NOUN** NAMES A GROUP OF ANIMALS, PEOPLE, OR THINGS. A COLLECTIVE NOUN CAN HAVE A SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB DEPENDING ON HOW IT IS USED IN A SENTENCE.

- Ants live together in a **colony**.
- When you see a group of toads, they're in a **knot**.
- Foxes are found together in a **skulk**.
- A group of ponies is called a **string**.
- A group of geese on water is a **gaggle**.
- A group of fish is called a **school**.
- Oysters live in a **bed**.
- A **gang** of elk is a group of them.
- Kangaroos jump around together in a **troop**.





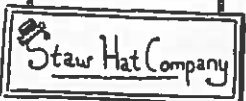


You'll find parrots together in a **company**.

A. Match each animal to its collective noun.

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| 1. fox | a. troop |
| 2. elk | b. colony |
| 3. kangaroo | c. skulk |
| 4. geese | d. gang |
| 5. ant | e. gaggle |

B. The words for some collective nouns have other meanings. Study the pictures. Write the animal name that has the same group name as the picture name.

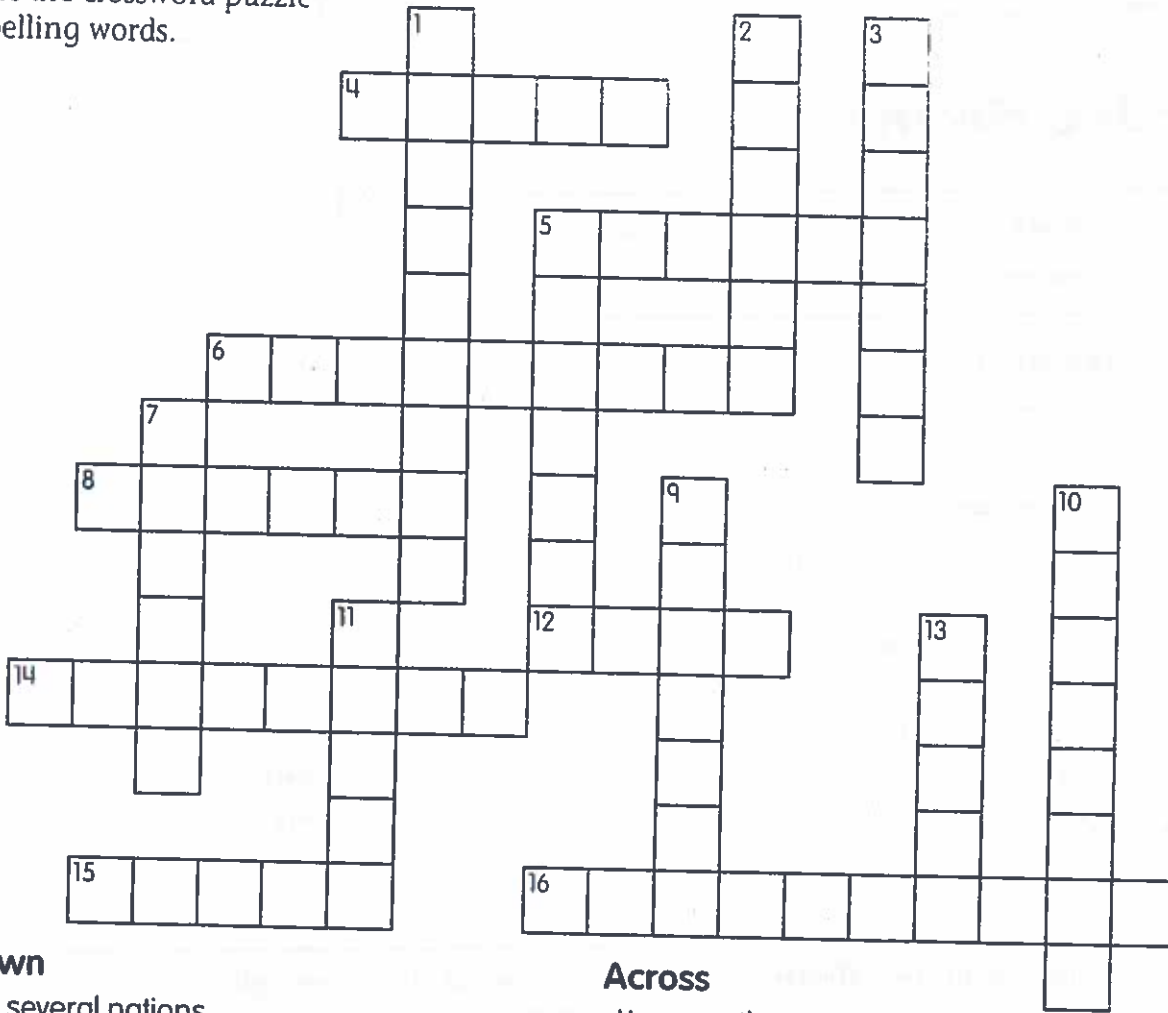
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Word Meaning

Complete the crossword puzzle using spelling words.

Spelling

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Down

1. several nations
2. more than one baby cow
3. opinions formed without exact knowledge
5. things to be learned
7. railings or walls around yards
9. people who know and like each other
10. groups of relatives
11. more than one life
13. coverings over buildings

Across

4. more than one adult female
5. the parts of a tree that make its food
6. places where mail is directed
8. more than one person
12. two long runners used to go down snowy hills
14. sweet round fruits
15. small flying insects
16. commercial activities

My Spelling Dictation

Write the sentences. Circle the spelling words.

1. _____

2. _____

