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2. A group of lions is called a pride, sault, troop.
3. A group of dogs can be called a pack or a kennel but if it is a group of puppies, it is called a litter.
4. A group of monkeys is called a tribe or a troop of monkeys unless you are talking about chimpanzees. Then, the name changes to a cartload of chimpanzees.
5. Cats, cats everywhere . . . but what do we call them? It depends on whether they are cats or kittens—whether they are wild or not.  
A group of house cats could be a dout or a nuisance.  
A group of kittens would be a kindle (kendle) or a litter.  
But a group of wild cats would be called a destruction.
6. When you go swimming, you probably wouldn't want to be surprised by one shark so you certainly don't want to see a group of sharks! If you did see a group of sharks, that group would be called a school of sharks or a shiver of sharks.

Now it is your turn. See if your group can stump the other groups by creating a collective noun game. Use language books as well as Internet resources to find some interesting collective nouns that name groups of people, animals, or things.

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