

Animal Groups



When a group of baboons sits down to have lunch,
Those primates aren't grapes--they don't sit in a bunch!

There are special names for each animal group.
When baboons get together, we call it a troop!

Elephants and goats, though it may sound absurd,
Like giraffes and moose, spend their time in a herd.

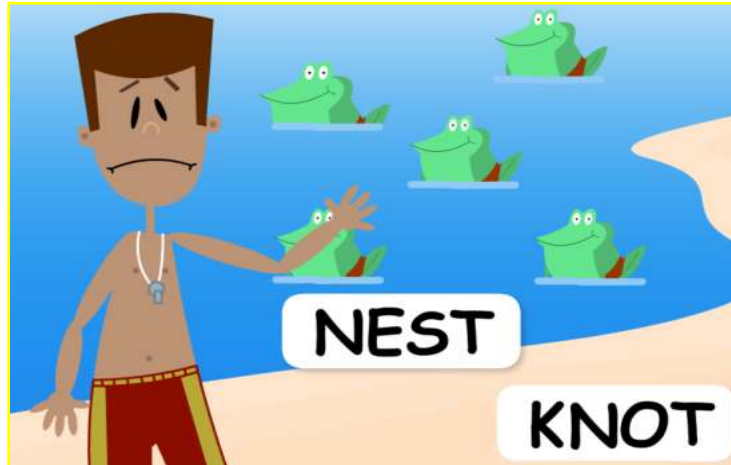
I'll bet you never knew about a kettle of hawks,
Or that camels and ducks both hang out in flocks.



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And scurries and smacks,
Cackles and crowds
and prickles and packs,
Hovers and hauls
And bebies and troops:

Yes, these are all --
Just animal groups.

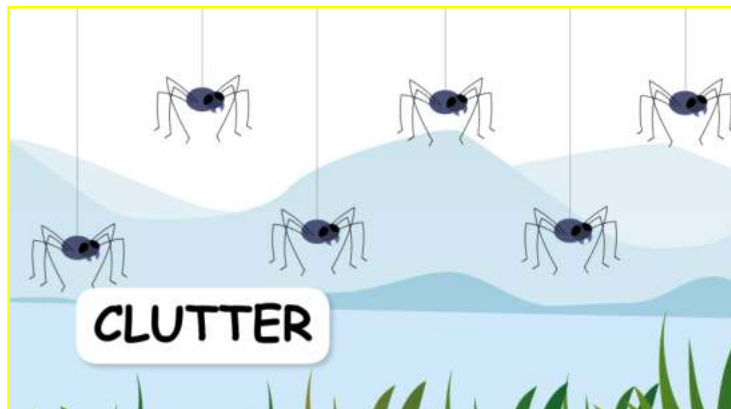
Some animal groups have more than one name.
Whether a nest or a knot of toads -- it's the same!



Whether a string or a band or a team or a stable,
Horses get together whenever they're able.

While porpoises and people both gather in crowds,
Grasshoppers and gnats come together in clouds.

You might often see butterflies in a flutter
And spiders meeting up in a tight-knit clutter.



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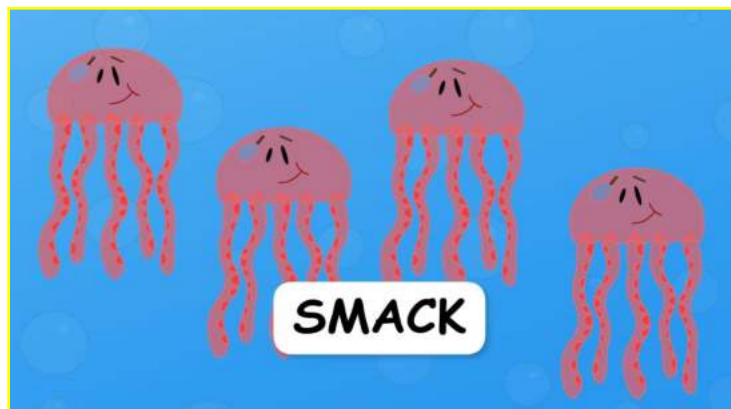
At night you might hear a rout of wolves' howls
Or harmonious hoots from a parliament of owls.



Watch out for great mobs of quick kangaroo
And for gangs of young elk and buffalo, too.

Snakes, oysters, and eels each lounge in their beds,
And schools of fish aren't really feeding their heads.

Weasels and sheep meet their friends in a pack,
While jellyfish float in a group called a smack.



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