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A number of = অসংখ্য

The number of = নির্দিষ্ট সংখ্যক

Examples;

A number of students were present in the last class.

The number of students in today's class is 50.

Gerund as Subject

(Verb+ing) এই প্রক্রিয়াটিকে gerund বলা হয়। Gerund মূলত Noun এর কাজ করে থাকে, তাই যেখানে যেখানে Noun বসতে পারে, সেখানে Gerund বসতে পারে।

***Gerund as Subject

1. Dieting is very popular today .
2. Walking in the morning is good for health .

Previous years' questions ;

1. Reading is an excellent habit .Here the underlined word is a---.

a. verbal noun b.participle c.verb d.gerund

2.He found parking is difficult . Here "parking" used as –

a.past continuous b. gerund c.participle d.progressive tense

Collective Noun

Many words indicating *a number of people or animals* are singular .The following nouns are usually singular . In some cases , they are **plural** if the sentence indicates that the individual members are acting **separately** .

Congress	family	group	committee	class
Organization	team	army	club	crowd
Government	jury	majority	minority	public

The committee has met and it has rejected the proposal .

The following expressions are singular .

Flock of birds, sheep	a band of robbers
Herd of cattle	a pair of shoes
Pack of dogs	a board of directors
School of fish pride of lions	a cluster of words
A galaxy of stars	a panel of experts

A school of fish is being attacked by sharks .

Previous years' question;

1. Questions will be answered by a ---of experts .(Uttara Bank Cash-17)

a.panel b.staff c.bunch d.band

Noun of Multitude

Nouns of multitude denote the **individual members** of the group and hence the **verb** is taking **plural** , although the **noun** is **singular** .

Examples

The jury **are arguing** among **themselves**.

Nouns that are always Plural

The following nouns are always considered plural. They cannot be singular. In order to speak of them as singular , one must say “ a pair of ---“.

Scissor	shorts	pants	jeans	tongs
Trousers	eyeglasses	pliers	tweezers	

The pants are in the drawer.

A pair of pants is in the drawer .

THERE IS /THERE ARE

<i>There is</i>	
<i>There was</i>	<i>+ Singular Subject</i>
<i>There has been</i>	

<i>There are</i>	
<i>There were</i>	<i>+ Plural Subject</i>
<i>There have been</i>	

There is a storm approaching .

There were too m any people at the party .

