

## Collective nouns exercise

The verb has to agree with the subject in number and person. Complete the following sentences using a verb form that agrees with the subject.

1. Our audience ..... always been the affluent urban elite.

has

have

2. The audience at the open-air stadium ..... not as large as had been expected.

was

were

3. The audience ..... enthralled by her performance.

was

were

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4. Audiences throughout the world .....  
been captivated by Chaplin's films.

has

have

5. The public ..... stringent laws to  
deal with terrorists.

want

wants

6. The public ..... not satisfied with the  
relief measures taken during the floods.

was

were

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7. The team ..... practising at the stadium.

was

were

8. The team ..... for Australia tomorrow.

is leaving

are leaving

9. A family with four children ..... next door.

live

lives

10. My family ..... going to be there.

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is

are

## Answers

1. Our audience has always been the affluent urban elite.
2. The audience at the open-air stadium was not as large as had been expected.
3. The audience was enthralled by her performance.
4. Audiences throughout the world have been captivated by Chaplin's films.
5. The public wants stringent laws to deal with terrorists.
6. The public was not satisfied with the relief measures taken during the floods.
7. The team was practising at the stadium.
8. The team is leaving for Australia tomorrow.
9. A family with four children lives next door.
10. My family is going to be there.