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Say whether the italicized nouns are common, proper, collective or abstract. Put a tick mark against your answer.

1. The jury has announced its verdict. Jury is a ............................................
   common noun
   abstract noun
   collective noun

2. Sharon makes models from clay. Sharon is a .............................................
   common noun
   proper noun
   collective noun

3. Donald took out his pen and began to make notes. Pen is a .................................
   common noun
   proper noun
   material noun

4. The crocodiles in the river snapped angrily at .................................
the boat. River is a ........................................

proper noun
abstract noun
common noun

5. The boys on bicycles delivered pamphlets. Pamphlets is a ........................................

common noun
proper noun
collective noun

6. Cleopatra was known for her beauty. Beauty is a / an ........................................

collective noun
abstract noun
common noun

7. Always speak the truth. Truth is a ........................................

common noun
collective noun
abstract noun
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8. The Nile overflows its banks every year. Nile is a ..........................................
   proper noun
   collective noun
   abstract noun

9. I believe in his innocence. Innocence is a ..........................................
   common noun
   collective noun
   abstract noun

10. The elephant has great strength. Elephant is a ..........................................
    collective noun
    abstract noun
    common noun

Answers
1. Collective noun
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2. Proper noun
3. Common noun
4. Common noun
5. Common noun
6. Abstract noun
7. Abstract noun
8. Proper noun
9. Abstract noun
10. Common noun

Notes
A proper noun is the name of a particular person, place or thing.

A common noun is a name given in common to every person or thing of the same class or kind.

An abstract noun refers to a quality or state.

A collective noun refers to a collection of people or things.