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Collective Agreement Answer Key

1. **is** - Team acting as a single unit.
2. **has** - Family acting as one unit (agreed together).
3. **were** - Jury members are divided (acting individually).
4. **discuss** - Class members are acting separately in groups.
5. **decides** - Committee acting as a single unit.
6. **were** - Audience members are individually clapping and cheering.
7. **works** - Staff working together as one group.
8. **plays** - Band acting as one performing group.
9. **is** - Crowd moving together as one unit.
10. **sends** - Company as a single entity.

Teacher Notes

- Emphasize that **context matters** with collective nouns: sometimes singular, sometimes plural.
- A helpful trick: Ask students, *"Is the group acting as one, or are the members acting separately?"*
- Encourage students to rewrite some of the sentences with both interpretations (e.g., *The jury was unanimous vs. The jury were arguing among themselves*).
- Extension idea: Have students write 3 new sentences using collective nouns of their choice (e.g., *team, class, government, flock*), one as singular, one as plural, and one where the meaning could be ambiguous.