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Words and phrases that can confuse

(a bit of grammatical help)

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These are also called **MASS** nouns and indicate a **QUANTITY** and thus take **LITTLE** and need to be quantified by another noun: *a glass of water, a piece of paper, some information, a drop of blood.*

Some of these can take a plural but they then indicate “different types of”: *you can use various spellings with this program, they have different sugars in the bars.*

Just remember: **NO PLURAL**

Advice	Knowledge	Software
Blood	Luck	Spelling
Clarity	Money	Sugar
Courage	News	Transportation
Curiosity	Patriotism	Water
Education	Pollution	Weather
Equipment	Progress	Wisdom
Evidence	Racism	Work
Help	Satisfaction	
Honesty	Scenery	
Information	Sexism	
Insurance	Silence	