

## 5-7 SOME COMMON NONCOUNT NOUNS

The following are typical of nouns that are commonly used as noncount nouns. Many other nouns can be used as noncount nouns. This list serves only as a sample.

- (a) **WHOLE GROUPS MADE UP OF SIMILAR ITEMS:** *baggage, clothing, equipment, food, fruit, furniture, garbage, hardware, jewelry, junk, luggage, machinery, mail, makeup, money/cash/change, postage, scenery, traffic*
- (b) **FLUIDS:** *water, coffee, tea, milk, oil, soup, gasoline, blood, etc.*
- (c) **SOLIDS:** *ice, bread, butter, cheese, meat, gold, iron, silver, glass, paper, wood, cotton, wool, etc.*
- (d) **GASES:** *steam, air, oxygen, nitrogen, smoke, smog, pollution, etc.*
- (e) **PARTICLES:** *rice, chalk, corn, dirt, dust, flour, grass, hair, pepper, salt, sand, sugar, wheat, etc.*
- (f) **ABSTRACTIONS:**  
—*beauty, confidence, courage, education, enjoyment, fun, happiness, health, help, honesty, hospitality, importance, intelligence, justice, knowledge, laughter, luck, music, patience, peace, pride, progress, recreation, significance, sleep, truth, violence, wealth, etc.*  
—*advice, information, news, evidence, proof*  
—*time, space, energy*  
—*homework, work*  
—*grammar, slang, vocabulary*
- (g) **LANGUAGES:** *Arabic, Chinese, English, Spanish, etc.*
- (h) **FIELDS OF STUDY:** *chemistry, engineering, history, literature, mathematics, psychology, etc.*
- (i) **RECREATION:** *baseball, soccer, tennis, chess, bridge, poker, etc.*
- (j) **GENERAL ACTIVITIES:** *driving, studying, swimming, traveling, walking (and other gerunds)*
- (k) **NATURAL PHENOMENA:** *weather, dew, fog, hail, heat, humidity, lightning, rain, sleet, snow, thunder, wind, darkness, light, sunshine, electricity, fire, gravity*