## Spelling list: -ves plurals

If a noun ends in a consonant or a single vowel plus $f$ or $f e$, the plural is sometimes formed by swapping the $f$ or fe with ves.

| calves | Young elephants are called calves. |
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| elves | The elves sat in a circle on toadstools. |

halves Both halves of the game were exciting.
knives Fishermen's knives need to be very sharp.
lives The lives of refugees can be hard.
loaves I baked six loaves yesterday.
scarves We bought mum two scarves for Mother's Day.
shelves We need four new shelves for the books.
thieves $\quad$ All my disks were taken by the thieves .
wives King Henry VIII had six wives .

