Spelling list: -ves plurals

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

calves Young elephants are called **calves** .

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 All my disks were taken by the **thieves** .

wives King Henry VIII had six wives.