

## Spelling list: Change *f* to *v* when adding *s*

In this list, we will explore an important spelling rule in English: when adding an *s* to words that end with a single *f*, we change the *f* to *ve*. This change is crucial for forming plurals correctly. Understanding this rule will help you improve your spelling skills and make your writing clearer.

For example, consider the word *half*. When we want to talk about two halves, we change the *f* to *v* to create *halves*. This pattern can be seen in other pairs of words, such as *leaf* and *leaves*, as well as *loaf* and *loaves*. Learning this spelling pattern will make it easier to use these words correctly in your writing.

half	Noah ate <b>half</b> the cake.
halves	Both <b>halves</b> of the game were exciting.
leaf	The <b>leaf</b> fell from the tree.
leaves	The <b>leaves</b> are turning red and brown.
loaf	I love the smell of a freshly baked <b>loaf</b> .
loaves	I baked six <b>loaves</b> yesterday.
knife	The <b>knife</b> is made of stainless steel.
knives	Fishermen's <b>knives</b> need to be very sharp.
life	It was the happiest day of my <b>life</b> .
lives	A cat is said to have nine <b>lives</b> .
shelf	The higher <b>shelf</b> is out of my reach.
shelves	We need four new <b>shelves</b> for the books.
thief	A <b>thief</b> seized my mother's purse.
thieves	The <b>thieves</b> took the television and the computer.
wife	He gave his <b>wife</b> a gold brooch.
wives	King Henry VIII had six <b>wives</b> .
wolf	The hikers heard a <b>wolf</b> howling in the night.

wolves	We could hear the <b>wolves</b> howling.
yourself	Be careful not to burn <b>yourself</b> on the candle.
yourselves	You need to work it out <b>yourselves</b> .