

Spelling list: Words ending in -ve

In English, most words that end with the /v/ sound are spelled with -ve . This rule applies to everyday words like *live* , *have* , and *love* . Whenever you hear a /v/ sound at the end of a word, you almost always need to spell it with -ve .

Think of words like *serve* or *glove* . These words use the -ve ending to follow the pattern. Even longer words, like *detective* or *aggressive* , stick to this rule.

Remember: if it ends with a /v/ sound, write it with -ve !

live	I saw a rock band performing live last night.
have	What have I done with my car keys?
love	I love to draw and paint.
above	A swallow was flying up above .
glove	Have you seen my other glove ?
serve	They serve the best steak in town.
nerve	It takes a lot of nerve to swim with sharks.
active	My grandpa is very active despite his age.
captive	Keeping wild animals captive is cruel.
massive	That footballer is paid a massive amount of money.
native	The cooks traveled the world to experience authentic native cuisines.
attractive	She found him very attractive .
extensive	There was extensive flooding after the rain.
relative	My brother is my closest relative .
sensitive	He was more sensitive than he let on.
detective	The detective was able to solve the case.

aggressive

Some wild animals are **aggressive** .