

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

aggressive

Some wild animals are **aggressive** .