

English Language Arts (ELA) - Spelling

Plurals of Nouns Ending in F or FE

1. To form the plural of **most** nouns that end in "f" or "fe," just add an "s" at the end of the word.

<u>Singular Form</u>	<u>Plural Form</u>
roof	roofs
proof	proofs
chief	chiefs
belief	beliefs
sheriff	sheriffs
giraffe	giraffes

2. To form the plural of **some** nouns that end in "f" or "fe," change the "f" or "fe" to "v" and add "es."

<u>Singular Form</u>	<u>Plural Form</u>
half	halves
leaf	leaves
thief	thieves
loaf	loaves
wolf	wolves
self	selves
shelf	shelves
knife	knives
life	lives
wife	wives

3. Exceptions to the Rule

Some nouns that end in "f" have plurals that can be spelled either way (with just an "s" at the end or by changing the "f" to "v" and adding "es").

<u>Singular Form</u>	<u>Plural Form</u>
wharf	wharfs/wharves
calf	calfs/calves
dwarf	dwarfs/dwarves
hoof	hoofs/hooves