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*In the fable below there are 11 different nouns that end in f or fe. Can you find and circle each of those nouns? Then write the plural of each of the words. Hint: Words that end in f or fe are made plural by the following rule “drop the f or fe and add ves.”*

Once upon a time there lived a poor farmer and his wife. Each morning the farmer and his wife ate the very same thing for breakfast. The wife would go to her cupboard and get a loaf of bread from the shelf. She would use her knife to carefully cut the bread in half. The farmer and his wife each ate half a loaf of bread for breakfast.

The only farm animal the couple had was a calf. One night while the farmer and his wife were sleeping, a thief came onto the farmer’s land. The thief tried to be quiet. He was so quiet that he could not even hear himself as he stepped on each leaf that had fallen from the oak tree. Within a short time, the thief was gone -- with the calf.

After the thief left the farm, he had to walk through the enchanted forest to reach his home. This forest was guarded by a magic elf. Once, long ago, the farmer and his wife had found the elf trapped in an abandoned well. They rescued him, and from that time on the elf always had a special feeling for the old couple. Now the elf, who was wise and knew everything that happened within miles of his forest, knew that the thief had stolen the farmer’s calf. So when the thief came through the forest that night, the elf used his magical powers to turn himself into a large gray wolf. When the thief walked through the forest, the elf, now changed into a ferocious wolf, jumped out in front of him.

“I know what an awful thing you have done,” the wolf growled to the thief. “Just for that, I will take your life!” And that is exactly what the wolf did.

The elf returned the calf to the farmer’s barn before sunrise. The farmer and his wife never knew the adventure that had happened during the night. And from that point on, the farmer and wife lived a simple, peaceful, and happy life.

**MORAL:** Stealing can get you in a lot of trouble.