Keywords

Here are two more rules about plural suffixes:

Rule 1: If a word ends in an "f," then you have to drop the "f" and add "-ves" to make it plural. This usually does not add a syllable.

So:
$$(calf - f) + ves = calves$$

Or:
$$(knife - fe) + ves = knives$$

Rule 2: Some words have weird plurals, like foot and feet.

READ the paragraph. The words in **bold** are your keywords.

In the old days, farm families lived very busy lives. They took care of their animals, including the calves, geese, and oxen. They groomed their horses and checked their teeth and hooves. Dogs guarded against wolves. Cats kept mice out of the grain. While the men tended the fields, their wives made everything from loaves of bread to butter. Even the children had jobs to do!

FILL IN the blanks with the **bold** words in alphabetical order.

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Stack Up

READ the keywords out loud. SORT the keywords by how they become plural. Then FILL IN the blanks with the singular forms of the words.

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	men	mice	oxen	teeth	wives	wolves
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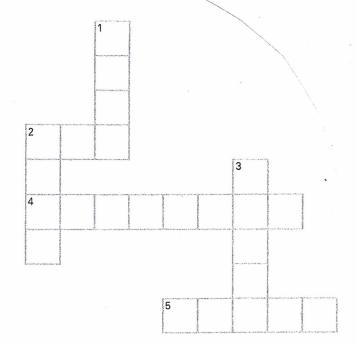
FILL IN the grid by answering the clues with keywords.

ACROSS

- 2. More than one man
- 4. More than one child
- 5. More than one tooth

DOWN

- 1. More than one ox
- 2. More than one mouse
- 3. More than one goose



Alternate Endings

DROP the "f" or "fe" and ADD a "-ves" to these words to make them plural. FILL IN the blanks with the plural words.

Example: life lives

Singular Plural		Singular	Plural
dwarf 1.		scarf	5.
half 2.		self	6.
knife 3.		shelf	7.
leaf 4.		thief	8.

Spotlight on Syllables

READ these plural words out loud. SORT the words by how many syllables they have. SPLIT the words into syllables, using dots to mark the breaks.

ditches	bushes	scarves	oxen	branches	knives
dice	moves	flies	hooves	boxes	inches

Example: slots spacees

One-Syllable Words	Two-Syllable Words
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