

Consonant Sound /v/ spelled “ve”
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1-syllable

carve
curve
dove
give
glove
grieve
groove
have
heave
hooves
leave
leaves
live
loaves
love
mauve
move
nerve
prove
selves
serve
shove
sieve*
sleeve
solve
starve
swerve
valve
weave

2-syllable

love ly
move ment

a bove
a chieve
ac tive
app rove
be lieve
cap tive
con ceive
con serve
de ceive
de serve
diss olve
e volve
for give
im prove
in volve
mass ive
mo tive
na tive
ob serve
o live
pre serve
re ceive
re lieve
re move
re prieve
re serve
re solve
re trieve
re volve

3-syllable

a chieve ment

a bra sive
ad he sive
ad jec tive
cre a tive
de ci sive
de fec tive
de tec tive
di sapp rove
eff ec tive
e va sive
ex pen sive
ex plo sive
ex ten sive
in cen tive
ne ga tive
ob jec tive
po si tive
re la tive
re pul sive
sen si tive

4-syllable

lo co mo tive

*Indicates an
uncommon spelling