

## Year 2 Common exception words 2025 - 2026

As part of the curriculum, children in England are expected to be able to **read** and **spell** specific words known as 'Common Exception Word' by the end of each year group. For year 2, we have grouped these words into sets for each term.

At the end of this term, we will do a spell check on the words listed in the FIRST column. We'd really appreciate your support with this and have provided some practical ideas on the next page. We suggest trying some of these activities with your child at least once a week.

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Term 6</b>
break	any	after	beautiful	because	behind
cold	bath	again	child	class	both
eye	Christmas	busy	even	every	climb
sure	door	children	fast	grass	clothes
gold	father	could	half	great	everybody
hold	floor	mind	last	many	move
kind	hour	should	most	money	parents
old	path	find	past	pass	people
told	poor	who	plant	pretty	prove
whole	steak	would	sugar	wild	water

<p><b><u>Rainbow writing</u></b> Write each word or letter using a range of colours e.g. school school school</p>	<p><b><u>Playdough words</u></b> Shape the playdough into letters and use them to build your spelling words.</p>	<p><b><u>Chalk writing</u></b> Use chalks outside to write your spellings on the ground</p>
<p><b><u>Word hunt</u></b> Hide the spelling in your house or garden. When you find a word, read it then cover it and spell it.</p>	<p><b><u>Sentence writing</u></b> Put your spelling words into sentences.</p>	<p><b><u>Word splat</u></b> Put all the spellings on cards and lay them out on the table. Say/spell a word and the first person to splat it is the winner.</p>
<p><b><u>Read and spot</u></b> Look in books, magazines and signs to see if you can spot your spelling words.</p>	<p><b><u>Speed write</u></b> How many of your spelling words can you write in a given time frame (30 seconds/1 minute)</p>	<p><b><u>Spelling rhymes</u></b> Make up a memorable rhyme to help you remember how to spell each word.</p>