Year 1 High Frequency and Common Exception Words Checklist

Throughout Year 1 children should learn to accurately spell most of the words in the list.

Common exception words are **words** in which the English Spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way. They are not **words** for which phonics 'doesn't work', but they may be **exceptions** to spelling rules, or **words** which use a particular combination of letters to represent sound patterns in a rare or unique way.

The statutory requirements of the **Year 1** Spelling Curriculum include the **common exception words**:

First 100 common words in order

а	off	she	when	
an	go	we	about	
and	I	all	house	
as	into	my	l'm	
big	no	was	made	
but	the	you	make	
at	to	it's	old	
can	down	went	went saw	
dad	for	from	om time	
get	look	help	very	
got	see	just	came	
had	that	children	day	
him	now	have	don't	
his	them	like	by	
if	then	so	here	
in	this	out	your	
is	too	there	oh	
it	will	come	their	
mum	with	do	people	
not	are	little	Mr	
of	be	one	looked	
on	they	said	called	
put	her	some	asked	
up	he	were	could	
back	me	what	Mrs	

The following words are also common exception words for Year 1: love, ask, asked, friend, friends, push and full.

Learn to read, write and spell these words.

Here are some ways in which you can do that;

Practise the Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check, then Write again to learn them well.

Work on 6 words at a time in and out of order and context.

Make flash cards and play snap or memory recall games.

Make a board game using the words -roll, move and read.

Write and read silly sentences using the words.

Count how many times you see the words in your books or when you are out.

Most of you know the year 1 words, so you can practice the next, year 2 words if you like: Also common exception words for Year 2:

floor	both	past	improve
poor	old	father	sure
find	gold	class	sugar
kind	hold	grass	should
mind	everybody	pass	whole
behind	even	plant	busy
child (children)	break	bath	half
wild	steak	hour	money
climb	pretty	move	parents
only	beautiful	prove	Christmas

Next 200 common words in order

water	away	good	want	over
how	did	man	going	where
would	or	took	school	think
home	who	didn't	ran	know
bear	can't	again	cat	long
things	new	after	wanted	eat
everyone	our	two	has	yes
play	take	thought	dog	well
find	more	l'II	round	tree
magic	shouted	us	other	food
fox	through	way	been	stop
must	red	door	right	sea
these	began	boy	animals	never
next	first	work	lots	need
that's	baby	fish	gave	mouse
something	bed	may	still	found
live	say	soon	night	narrator
small	car	couldn't	three	head
king	town	l've	around	every
garden	fast	only	many	laughed
let's	much	suddenly	told	another
great	why	cried	keep	room
last	jumped	because	even	am
before	gran	clothes	tell	key
fun	place	mother	sat	boat
window	sleep	feet	morning	queen
each	book	its	green	different
let	girl	which	inside	run
any	under	hat	snow	air
trees	bad	tea	top	eyes
fell	friends	box	dark	grandad
there's	looking	end	than	best
better	hot	sun	across	gone
hard	floppy	really	wind	wish
eggs	once	please	thing	stopped
ever	miss	most	cold	park
lived	birds	duck	horse	rabbit
white	coming	he's	river	liked
giant	looks	use	along	plants
dragon	pulled	we're	fly	grow