

Common Exception Words for Y1

These are the words that children need to be able to spell by the end of Year 1. They are called 'common exception words' because most of them do not follow the traditional rules of phonics and just have to be learnt 'off by heart'. Some of the words will become easier to spell when children have learnt more graphemes (sounds) as we continue our phonics teaching - for example, 'out' becomes easy to sound out when they have learnt the 'ou' grapheme.

We have divided the words into six lists so that you can work on each list with your child in the relevant term. Each class will have weekly spelling time; this will include learning strategies for spelling the words and testing children on the number of words they can spell accurately so far in order to monitor which words we need to do more teaching for. For a child to be truly consistent in spelling a word, they need to be able to spell it correctly within sentences and longer pieces of writing as well as tests.

At the end of each term, we will send an annotated copy of this document as a reminder of the words for the next term and so you will be able to see which words your child is now spelling consistently and which words they still need to work on. This document is also available on the CKIS website should you need another copy.

Strategies for spelling these words include making up mnemonics and rhymes (e.g. was - 'whales and snails', people - 'people eat oranges people like eggs'), writing them repeatedly in fun ways (e.g. in sand, chalk, paint etc.) or using the 'look, cover, write, check' method and noticing patterns and tricks to help (e.g. 'they' is 'the' with a 'y' on the end).

Thank you in advance for your support.

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he she we me be was you they are all my by is his	said says so have like some come there were when where love of friend	what out do little one once make here please made came push put	could would should their oh home going people or Mr Mrs pull full	looked who called school didn't asked know can't your today house ask	everyone new our two has I'll magic more shouted other find
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