# **Common Exception Words**

# Grouped words from Year 1 and 2 statutory lists

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What is a Common Exception Word?

Common exception words are words for which the Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence (GPC) is rare or unique. There are a number of words that children are expected to know in Years 1 and 2 that contain GPCs which have not been taught at this age because they are unusual. These are sometimes also called ‘Red’ words or ‘Tricky’ words, depending on the teaching programme being used.

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| Family Number | Family words |
| 1 | a, I, the |
| 2 | they, by, my |
| 3 | be, he, me, she, we |
| 4 | do, to, today, no, go, so |
| 5 | is, his, has, was, busy |
| 6 | here, there, where, are, were |
| 7 | put, push, pull, full |
| 8 | love, come, some, one, once, money |
| 9 | friend, said, says, again |
| 10 | house, our, you, your |
| 11 | of, eye, even, school, water |
| 12 | door, floor, poor |
| 13 | find, kind, mind, behind |
| 14 | child, children, wild, climb |
| 15 | old, cold, gold, hold, told |
| 16 | great, break, steak |
| 17 | path, bath, father |
| 18 | fast, last, past, ask |
| 19 | class, grass, pass |
| 20 | sure, sugar, who, whole, hour |
| 21 | could, should, would |
| 22 | most, only, both, clothes |
| 23 | people, Mr, Mrs, parents |
| 24 | any, many, every, everybody |
| 25 | after, half, plant |
| 26 | pretty, beautiful, because, Christmas |