

## 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 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.

Year Group Taught	Family Number	Family words
EARLY YEARS	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
YEAR 1	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
YEAR 2	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