

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.

Year 2 children will need to familiarise themselves with these words and use them in their writing where appropriate.

Have a look at the words:

Common Exception words in Year 2

door	floor	poor	because
find	kind	mind	behind
child	children	wild	climb
most	only	both	told
old	gold	cold	hold
every	everybody	even	pretty
great	break	steak	beautiful
fast	last	past	after
father	class	grass	pass
path	bath	plant	hour
move	prove	improve	sure
sugar	eye	whole	clothes
could	should	would	who
any	many	busy	again
people	Mr	Mrs	parents
Christmas	money	half	about

How many can your child spell?
Challenge them.

The words children tend to struggle to spell are:

- beautiful
- improve
- father
- people
- because
- could
- every
- everybody
- climb

Internet based games to support you child with spellings:

<https://www.spellzone.com/games/index.cfm?wordlist=4620>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>