

Common Exception Words (6)

Parents: In year 2, the types of spellings and spelling patterns that children are expected to know continues to increase. As well as learning new sets of spelling rules and patterns, children need to learn further 'common exception words' (words that don't follow the usual rules but are used regularly). Teachers often find that getting children to learn spellings is one thing, but then getting them to use them in their everyday writing is another. One of the methods which works well is 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' – as the title suggests, children are encouraged to look at the word, say it out loud, cover it up, have a go at writing it and then check if it is correct. Having two or three tries means they can correct any errors. Please note that some words are common exception words in some regional accents, but not in others – for example path, bath, last, fast have a long /ar/ sound in some accents but a short /a/ in others.

Challenge Answers

Monday is the first day of the week at school.

People give each other presents at **Christmas**.

We had a very **busy** day at school.

Saturday and **Sunday** are also known as the weekend.

Your mum and dad are your **parents**.