

Year 1 Common Exception Word List

Here are the common exception words from Year 1 that we will practise each half-term.

The phonics that the children learn helps them to read and spell most of most words. However, many words include exceptions to the patterns taught in phonics. The words below are commonly used and are useful to know. The exceptions are marked in red and purple.

Autumn 1

the, he, be, me, we, she

are, were

I, my, by

you, your

here

put, full

Autumn 2

is, his, has, was, says

our

no, go, so

to, do, today

push, pull

they
of
house

Spring 1

school

said

ask

come, some, love

where, there

friend

All Year 1 common exception words will have been introduced by the spring half-term break.

Autumn 1

the, he, be, me, we, she
“ee: what do you see?” spelt ‘e’

are, were
the ‘e’ is “silent”

I, my, by
“I fly high”

you, your
“oo: poo at the zoo” spelt ‘ou’
“or: shut the door” spelt ‘our’

here
“ear: hear with your ear” spelt ‘ere’

put, full
“oo: look at a book” spelt ‘u’

Autumn 2

is, his, has, was, says
/z/ spelt ‘s’

our
often confused with ‘are’ or ‘hour’

no, go, so
“ow: blow the snow” spelt ‘o’

to, do, today
“oo: poo at the zoo” spelt ‘o’

push, pull
“oo: look at a book” spelt ‘u’

they “ay: may I play?” spelt ‘ey’
of /v/ spelt ‘f’
house /s/ spelt ‘se’

Spring 1

school
/k/ spelt ‘ch’

said
~~sayed~~ / ~~sayd~~ → said

ask
“ar: start the car” spelt ‘a’

come, some, love
/u/ spelt ‘o’

where, there
“Where? There? Here!”

friend
the ‘i’ is “silent”
“friend to the end”

Some of the exceptions depend on the speaker’s accent, e.g. ask isn’t a common exception word in many parts of the UK.
How your child hears it is most important because that is how they will spell it.