



The Mosley Academy

Common Exception Words Spelling Progression

These lists adhere to the National Curriculum expectations for spelling.

They are a list of words frequently used in pupils writing, therefore it is important that they know the correct spelling.

Common Exception Words are practised regularly in class throughout each week and assessed half-termly to track progress and implement interventions where needed.

Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	
centre	extreme	
century	famous	
certain	favourite	

Year 2 Common Exception Words

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

Year 3 Common Exception Words

accident	circle	February
accidentally	complete	forward
actual	consider	forwards
actually	continue	fruit

address	decide	grammar
answer	describe	group
appear	different	guard
arrive	difficult	guide
believe	disappear	heard
bicycle	early	heart
breath	earth	height
breathe	eight	history
build	eighth	imagine
busy	enough	increase
business	exercise	
calendar	experience	
caught	experiment	
centre	extreme	
century	famous	
certain	favourite	

Year 4 Common Exception Words

important	peculiar	special
interest	perhaps	straight
island	popular	strange
knowledge	position	strength
learn	possess	suppose
length	possession	surprise
library	possible	therefore
material	potatoes	though
medicine	pressure	although
mention	probably	thought
minute	promise	through
natural	purpose	various
naughty	quarter	weight
notice	question	woman
occasion	recent	women
occasionally	regular	
often	reign	
opposite	remember	
ordinary	sentence	
particular	separate	

Year 5 Common Exception Words

accommodate	competition	excellent
accompany	conscience	existence
according	conscious	explanation
achieve	controversy	familiar
aggressive	convenience	foreign
amateur	correspond	forty
ancient	criticise	frequently
apparent	curiosity	government
appreciate	definite	guarantee
attached	desperate	harass
available	determined	hindrance
average	develop	
awkward	dictionary	
bargain	disastrous	
bruise	embarrass	
category	environment	
cemetery	equipment	
committee	equipped	
communicate	especially	
community	exaggerate	

Year 6 Common Exception Words

identity	physical	stomach
immediate	prejudice	sufficient
immediately	privilege	suggest
individual	profession	symbol
interfere	programme	system
interrupt	pronunciation	temperature
language	queue	thorough
leisure	recognise	twelfth
lightning	recommend	variety
marvellous	relevant	vegetable
mischievous	restaurant	vehicle
muscle	rhyme	yacht
necessary	rhythm	

neighbour	sacrifice	
nuisance	secretary	
occupy	shoulder	
occur	signature	
opportunity	sincere	
parliament	sincerely	
persuade	soldier	