

National Curriculum Common Exception Word Lists

Year 1

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

Year 2

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

Year 3 and 4

accident(ally)	difficult	promise
actual(ly)	disappear	purpose
address	library	quarter
answer	material	question
appear	medicine	
arrive	mention	recent
believe	minute	regular
bicycle	natural	reign
breath	naughty	remember
breathe	notice	sentence
build	occasion(ally)	separate
busy/business	often	special
calendar	opposite	straight
caught	ordinary	strange
centre	particular	strength
century	peculiar	suppose
certain	perhaps	surprise
circle	popular	therefore
complete	position	though/although
consider	possess(ion)	thought
continue	possible	through
decide	potatoes	various
describe	pressure	weight
different	probably	

woman/women

curiosity

lightning

marvellous

definite

mischievous

desperate

muscle

Year 5 and 6

determined

necessary

develop

neighbour

accompany

dictionary

nuisance

according

disastrous

occupy

achieve

embarrass

occur

aggressive

environment

opportunity

amateur

equip (-ped, -ment)

parliament

ancient

especially

persuade

apparent

exaggerate

physical

appreciate

excellent

prejudice

attached

existence

privilege

available

explanation

profession

average

familiar

programme

awkward

foreign

pronunciation

bargain

forty

queue

bruise

frequently

recognise

category

government

recommend

cemetery

guarantee

relevant

committee

harass

restaurant

communicate

hindrance

rhyme

community

identity

rhythm

competition

immediate(ly)

sacrifice

conscience*

individual

secretary

conscious*

interfere

shoulder

controversy

interrupt

signature

convenience

sincere(ly)

correspond

language

soldier

criticise (critic + ise)

leisure

stomach

sufficient

temperature

vegetable

suggest

thorough

vehicle

symbol

twelfth

yacht

system

variety

accommodate