

Year 1 Spelling and Reading: Common Exception Words

Learning from Home Activity Booklet

Year 1 Programme of Study – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

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Note for parents and carers:

In Year 1, children begin to be taught the 'common exception words'. These words are a combination of the most commonly used words in reading and writing, and some words that do not follow phonetic rules. The list of common exception words is added to as children progress through school.

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Year 1 Common Exception Words

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

Common Exception Words Bingo

Print out the exception words, cut them up and put into a hat or a bowl. Print and cut out the bingo cards and choose one for each player. Take it in turns to pick a word from the hat and read it to your partner. If they have it on their card, they cross it off. The winner is the first person to cross off all the words on their card. There are blank cards too so you can make your own.

Bingo Card 1

	your		I
be		you	friend
	once	says	

Bingo Card 2

the	love	come	where
	there		school
		full	



Bingo Card 3

	push	our	so
house		were	she
	we		

Bingo Card 4

	by	ask	they
do		of	
	no	his	

Bingo Card 5

	are	here	
a		was	said
	go		some

Bingo Card

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Common Exception Words Snap

Print the following cards three times (onto card if possible), cut out and shuffle. Deal the whole pack to the players and take it in turns to lay one card down face up. If two cards with the same word are put down, the first player to pat the pile and shout 'snap!' wins all the cards in the pile.

a	are
ask	be
by	come
do	friend
full	go

has

he

here

his

house

I

is

love

me

my

no

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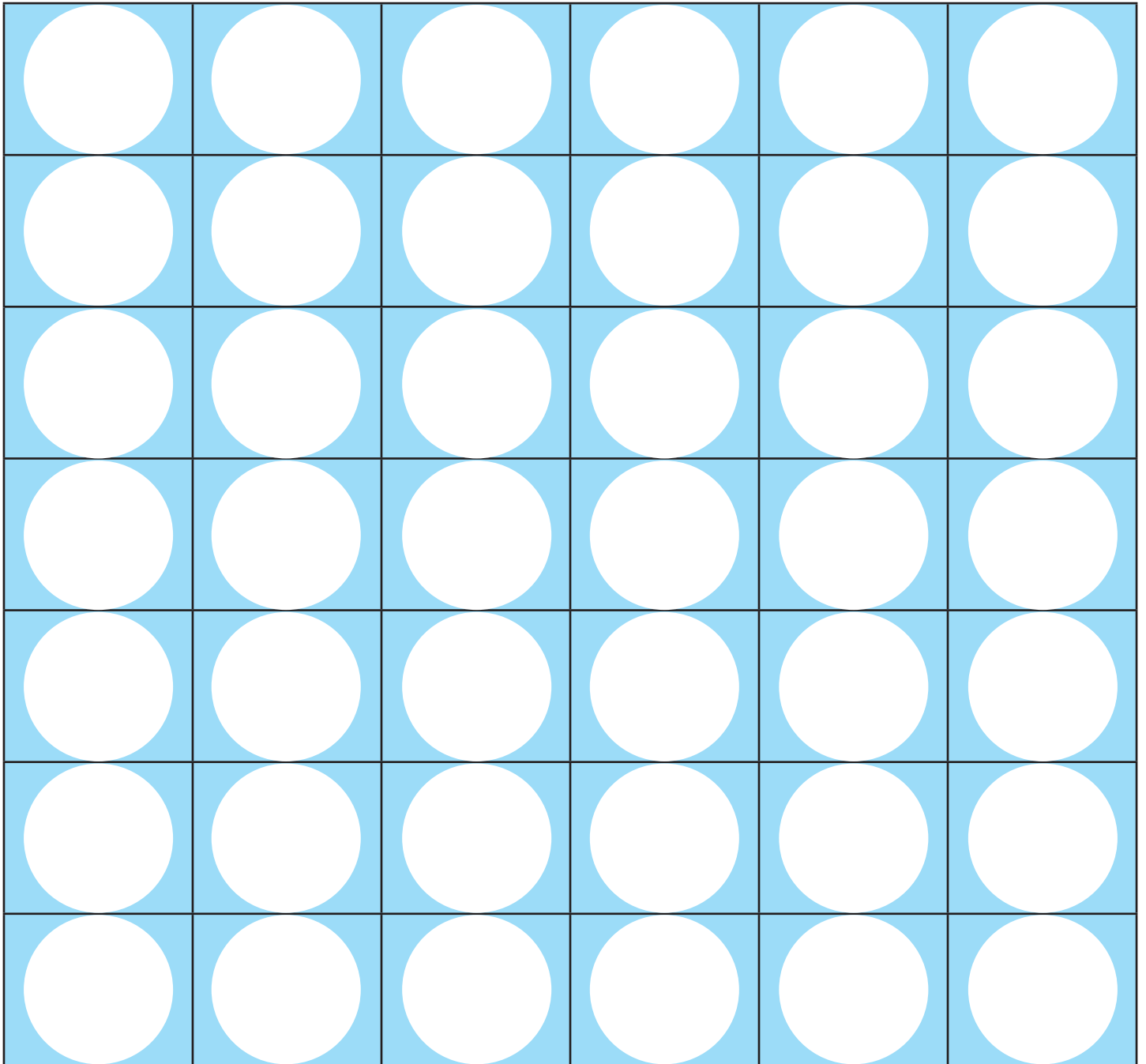
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4 in a Row Game

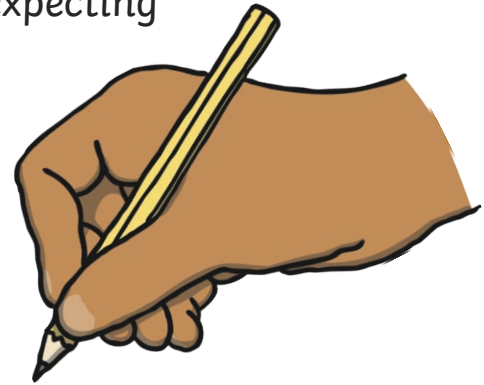
You will need a set of two different coloured counters (around 10-15 of each colour). If you don't have counters, coloured sweets, small toys or coins will do. Use your hat, bag or bowl full of the bingo card words for this game too. Take it in turns to pull out a word. If you can read it, you can place a coloured counter on the board. The aim of the game is to get four counters in a row, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



Unusual Graphemes

Some of the words on your list contain 'unusual graphemes' – letters or strings of letters that don't make the sound you are expecting them to. For example, in the word 'said', the letters string 'ai' makes the sound 'e'.

Look at these words. Choose a coloured pen or pencil and underline the unusual graphemes within each of them.

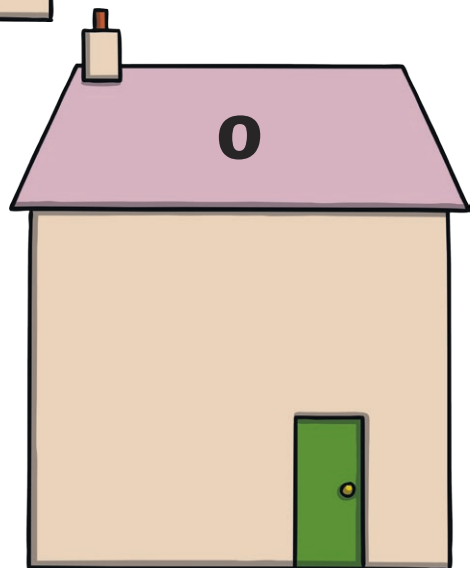
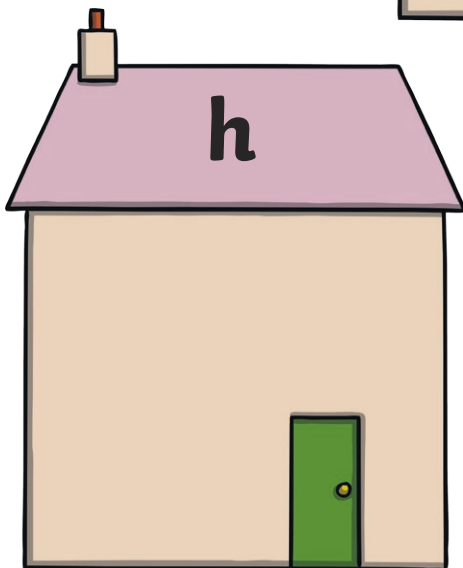
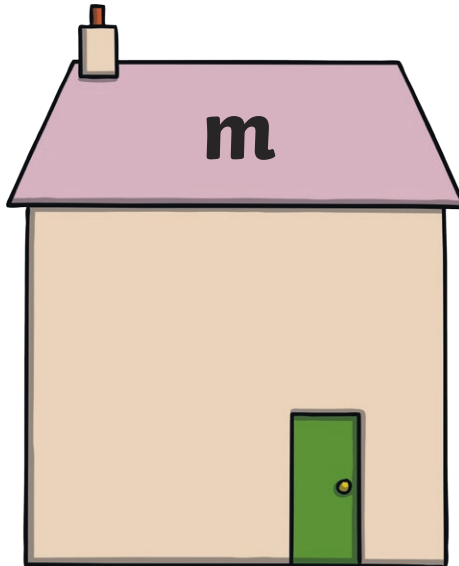
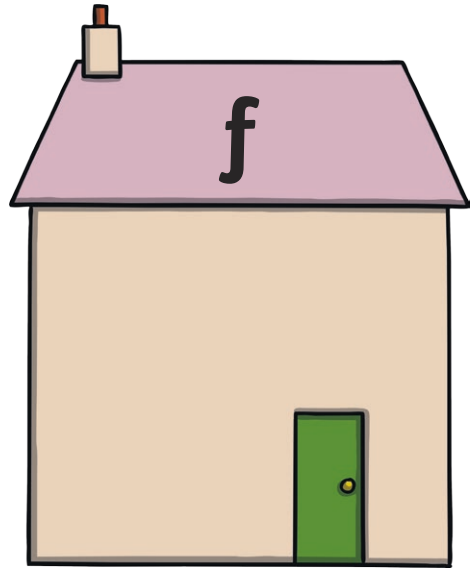
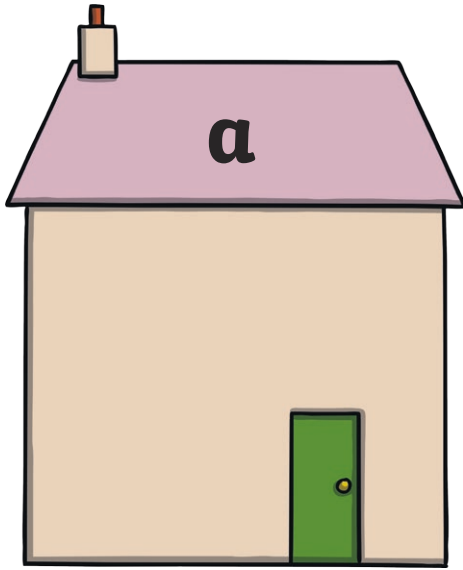


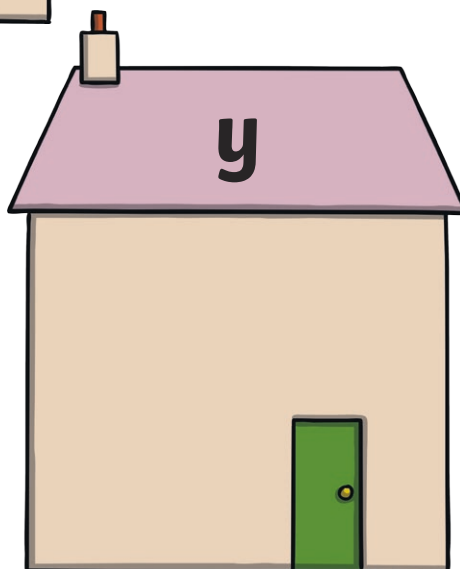
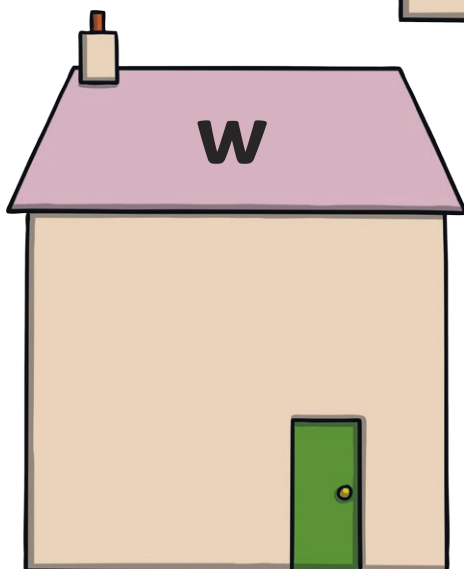
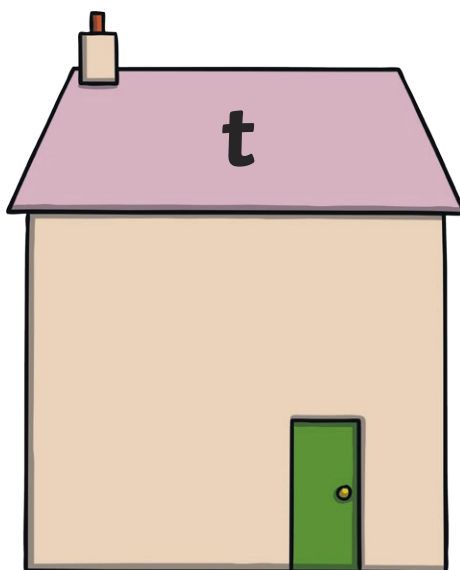
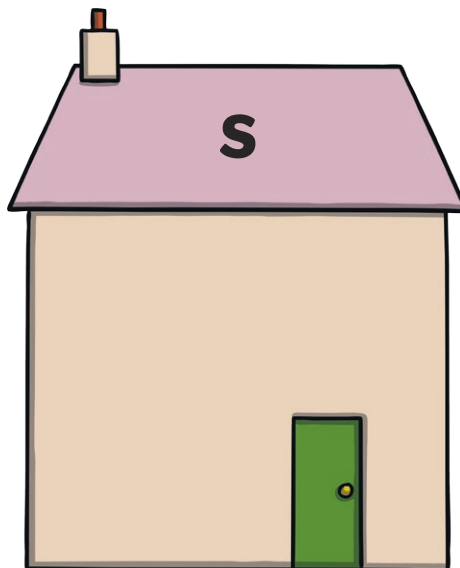
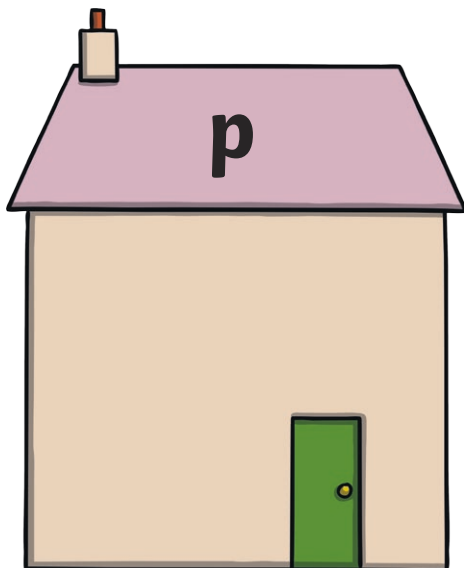
said	love
school	some
they	friend
your	once
there	my

Challenge: Can you find any more unusual graphemes in the words on the common exception word list?

Word Families

Look at your common exception word list. Sort your words into families according to their first letter, then write them in these houses:





Word Search

How many of your words can you find in this word search? There are 14 altogether!

d	o	h	o	p	w	h	f	g	w	a	s
s	n	i	u	m	s	h	e	l	h	n	w
a	c	y	r	q	v	k	e	h	a	p	v
m	e	j	o	a	e	g	b	h	r	q	i
b	c	t	t	o	d	a	y	i	e	k	o
j	g	q	i	r	z	x	d	g	o	f	o
c	o	m	e	s	b	j	c	h	s	u	p
c	n	u	x	w	f	z	b	n	n	l	u
d	c	k	n	h	e	r	e	j	m	l	t
k	e	l	r	e	u	y	a	s	y	a	s
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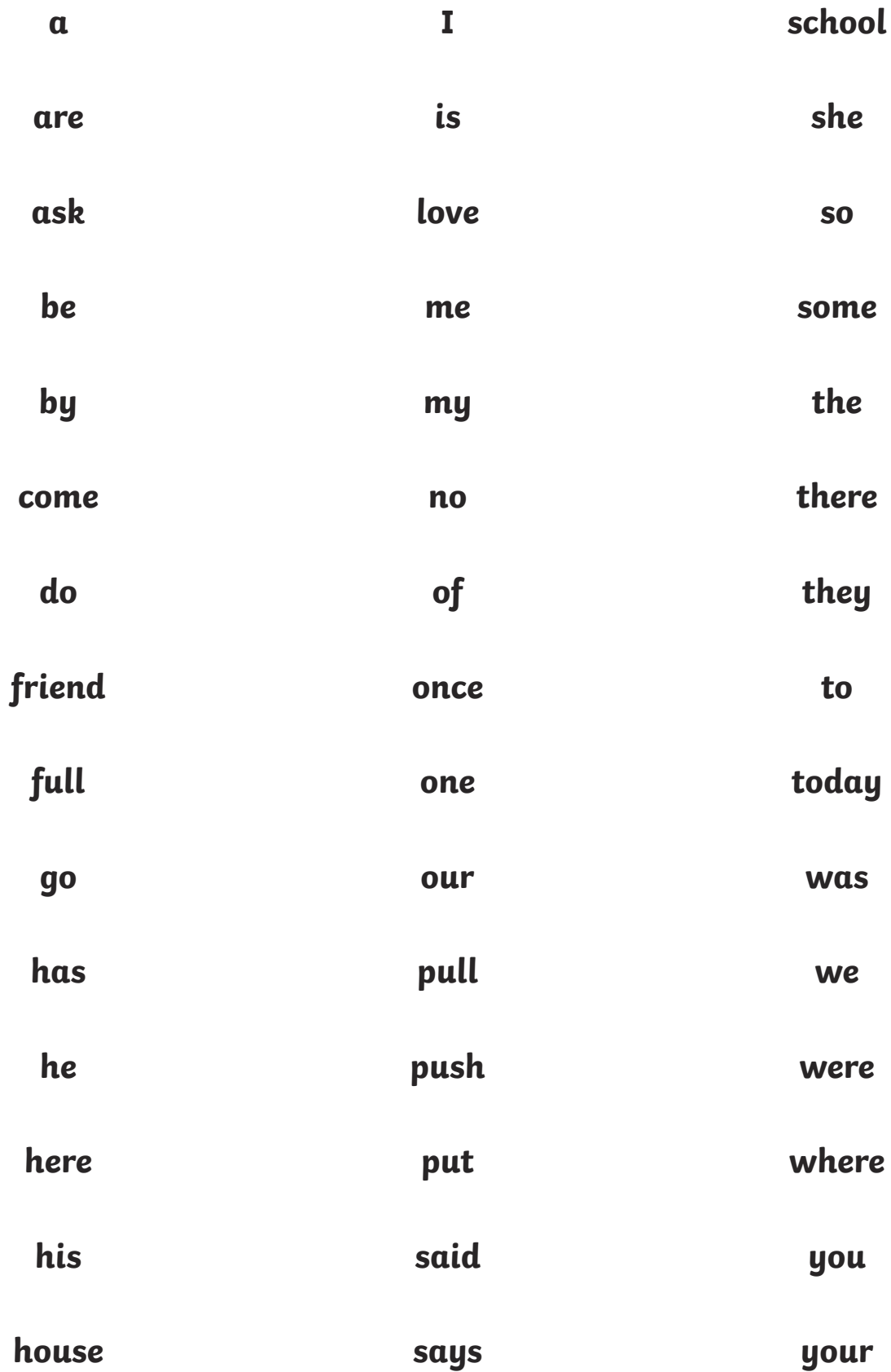
Days of the Week

Practise writing and spelling the days of the week. Don't forget they need a capital letter! It might help if you underline the unusual graphemes first with your coloured pencil.

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

Challenge: Cover up this page and ask your helper to test you. Can you remember how to spell each day?





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Year 1 Spelling and Reading: Common Exception Words Answers

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d	o	h	o	p	w	h	f	g	w	a	s
s	n	i	u	m	s	h	e	l	h	n	w
a	c	y	r	q	v	k	e	h	a	p	v
m	e	j	o	a	e	g	b	h	r	q	i
b	c	t	t	o	d	a	y	i	e	k	o
j	g	q	i	r	z	x	d	g	o	f	o
e	o	m	e	s	b	j	c	h	s	u	p
c	n	u	x	w	f	z	b	n	n	l	u
d	c	k	n	h	e	r	e	j	m	l	t
k	e	l	r	e	u	y	a	s	y	a	s
v	f	r	w	r	q	z	z	k	l	r	s
a	e	l	n	e	t	d	n	e	i	r	f