

Common Exception Words (2)

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.



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Challenge Answers

The king wore a crown made of **gold**.

The teacher **told** us to close our books.

I am going to invite **everybody** to my party.

In winter, the weather can be very **cold**.

Mum asked me to **hold** her hand when we crossed the road.



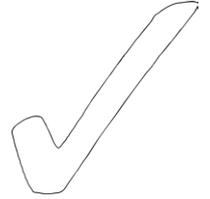
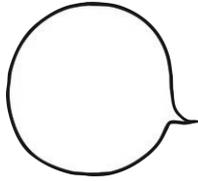
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Practise the words on this list using look, say, cover, write and check.

Hint: these words are tricky – you just need to learn how to spell them by practising! Look for words that share the same letter strings – this will help.



Look → **Say** → **Cover** → **Write** → **Check**

Word	1st try	2nd try	3rd try
most			
only			
both			
old			
cold			
gold			
hold			
told			
every			
everybody			

Challenge

Pick the correct word from your list to go in each sentence:

The king wore a crown made of _____.

The teacher _____ us to close our books.

I am going to invite _____ to my party.

In winter, the weather can be very _____.

Mum asked me to _____ her hand when we crossed the road.

Can you make up your own sentences for three of the other words on the list?
