

Home learning spellings

Year 1 common
exception words

are
was
once
said
come
here
where
there

Common exception words are words that do not follow the common phonetic rules that children learn in Year 1. The children have been learning the Year 1 common exception words throughout the year; therefore, the focus of this week is to consolidate some of these words. For the full list of Year 1 tricky words, please see the attached sheet on our resources page.

As these words can't usually be 'sounded out' when reading or spelling, it can make them tricky to learn. As well as the activities on our weekly plan, here are some other ideas for teaching common exception words:

- **Mnemonics-** e.g. a mnemonic for the word 'once' could be: **o**nly **n**oises **c**an **e**cho. The children could make up their own silly mnemonic for their spellings this week.
- **Flashcards-** you could make flashcards for each word and see who can read them the fastest, you could play snap with them or hide them around the house to create a treasure hunt.

Dictation passage

Once upon a time **there** **was** a huge friendly troll living under a bridge. I quietly creeped up to the bridge and **said**, "**Where** **are** you Mr troll?"
The troll replied "I am **here** my dear! Why don't you **come** in?"

(Year 1 don't need to know how to use speech marks but may have a go if they wish!)