

# Common Exception Words



## Objective

Spell common exception words with confidence



## Equipment

- Enrich Phonics and Number Markers
- Activity Sheets (7 different Activity Sheets)
- Answer Sheet



## Preparation

- Children could do this activity in pairs.
- This activity should take place where the school's Phonics/Number Markers are located.
- Give each pair an Activity Sheet and pen/pencil.
- Explain to the children how to complete the Activity Sheet. (The adult could demonstrate with one of the words before the children do the activity independently.)



## Instructions

- Each of the 7 different Activity Sheets has three 'common exception words', (ie high frequency words which are difficult to spell phonetically).
- Each word is represented by a table, with a box for each missing letter.
- Each missing letter has a picture above it from one of the Phonics and Number Markers.
- The adult tells the pair of children the word/s that they must spell. (The words for each Activity Sheet are shown on the teacher's answer sheet.)
- Children find the marker with the picture that is above the box for the first (missing) letter in the word. They must then select the correct letter from the letters on the marker and write it in the box.
- They then find the marker with the picture that is above the box for the next (missing) letter and select the next letter from the marker and write it in the box. They carry on until they have completed the word.
- They then run back to the adult to have the word checked.
- If they have spelt the word correctly, the adult tells them the next word from their Activity Sheet and the children spell this word in the same way.
- They continue until they have correctly spelt each of the words on their Activity Sheet.



## Other information

- Some words have letters already inserted in them.
- The word 'and' is included in these activities although it is not, strictly speaking, a common exception word.
- The teacher can differentiate this activity by adding in more letters for some of the words to reduce the level of challenge.
- Activity sheets could be laminated, and children could use whiteboard pens to complete them.
- The list of 21 common exception words included in this activity is on the activity Answer Sheet.

