



Rainbow Word Challenge



We are very excited to share with you our '**Rainbow Word Challenge**' - a rewarding way of learning high frequency and tricky words.

What are High Frequency Words?

High frequency words are common words, words that appear very often in written texts. They are a mixture of decodable words (words that can be sounded out) and tricky/exception words (words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way, which means the words have to be learned and recognised by sight).

Why do we need to learn them?

It is important that children learn how to read these words by sight, as they will make up a large proportion of the words they will be reading in everyday texts. Once they have mastered reading them, they will also need to learn to spell these words.

How does the Rainbow Word Challenge work?

As you know, rainbows are made up of 7 colours! For each colour, we have designed a set of words for the children to practise at home and school. We explicitly teach tricky words in class, noting which parts of the words can be sounded out and which parts can't. We encourage the children to read these words by sight. When they are secure in recognising them in multiple of contexts, we assess them in school. On mastering one coloured set of words, the children move on to the next set and continue to work through the rainbow of colours. To celebrate their success, the children receive a certificate for all their hard work and a little surprise. On completing reading the 7 sets, the children will go on to practise spelling their tricky words. Some children may even get on to the 'Over The Rainbow' words which are a combination of Phase 5 High Frequency Words and Year 1 Common Exception Words.

How can you help at home?

- *Look at the word, say it, cover it, write it, check it
- *Practically make the words – magnetic letters, letters in the bath, playdough, shaving foam
 - *Make them into a game – Lotto, Bingo
 - *Display the words around the house



Red rainbow words

Can you read these words?



an		at
if	☆	a
☆ is	☆ the	☆ I



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Orange rainbow words



Can you read these words?



it	on	off
can	dad	had
back	and	
☆ of	☆ go	☆ to



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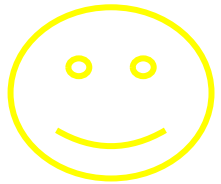




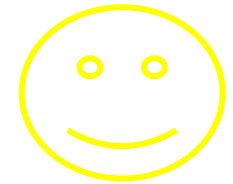
Yellow rainbow words



Can you read these words?



get	big	him
not	got	up
mum	but	☆ his
☆ no	into	☆ has



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Green rainbow words



Can you read these words?



will	that	this
then	them	with
☆ he	☆ she	☆ we
☆ me	☆ be	☆ was



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Blue rainbow words

Can you read these words?



see	for	now
down	look	too
her	☆ you	☆ they
all	☆ are	☆ my
☆ put	☆ push	☆ pull



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Indigo rainbow words

Can you read these words?



went	It's	from
children	just	help
☆ said	have	like
☆ so	☆ do	☆ some



Phase 4 HFW Words. Learn to Read - Yellow Books

☆ Year 1 Common Exception Words





Violet rainbow words

Can you read these words?



☆ come	☆ were	☆ there
little	☆ one	when
out	what	☆ full



Phase 4 HFW Words. Learn to Read - Yellow and Blue Books

☆ Year 1 Common Exception Words



Pot of gold

Can you read these words?



don't	old	I'm	very	time	make
about	saw	day	made	came	
☆ here	☆ love	☆ ask	ago	☆ school	☆ our
☆ house	☆ your	☆ by	become		



Phase 4 & 5 HFW Words. Learn to Read - Yellow and Blue Books

☆ Year 1 Common Exception Words



Red rainbow words

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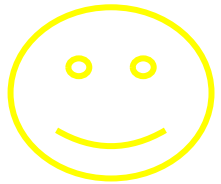
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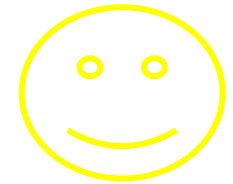
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Over the Rainbow Words 1 ..

Can you read these words?



☆ today	says	☆ once
☆ friend	☆ where	Oh
Mr	Mrs	☆ could
people	their	these
liked	we're	also



Phase 5 HFW Words. Learn to Read – Green Books

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Over the Rainbow Words 2 ..

Can you read these words?



door	floor	poor
because	find	kind
mind	behind	child
wild	climb	most



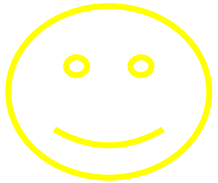
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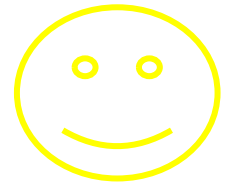


Over the Rainbow Words 3 ..

Can you read these words?



only	both	cold
gold	hold	told
every	great	break
steak	pretty	beautiful



Year 2 Common Exception Words





Over the Rainbow Words 4 ..

Can you read these words?



after	fast	last
past	father	class
grass	pass	plant
path	bath	hour



Year 2 Common Exception Words





Over the Rainbow Words 5 ..

Can you read these words?



move	prove	improve
sure	sugar	eye
should	would	who
whole	any	many



Year 2 Common Exception Words





Over the Rainbow Words 6 ..

Can you read these words?



clothes	busy	water
again	half	money
parents	Christmas	everybody
even		



Year 2 Common Exception Words

