



The Expected Standard for the end of Year 2

Reading

The pupil can:

- read accurately most words of two or more syllables
- read most words containing common suffixes*
- read most common exception words.

In age-appropriate books, the pupil can:

- read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g. at over 90 words per minute
- sound out most unfamiliar words accurately, without undue hesitation.

In a familiar book that they can already read accurately and fluently, the pupil can:

- check it makes sense to them
- answer questions and make some inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.

Writing

The pupil can, after discussion with the teacher:

- write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional)
- write about real events, recording these simply and clearly
- demarcate most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops, and use question marks correctly when required
- use present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently
- use co-ordination (e.g. or / and / but) and some subordination (e.g. when / if / that / because) to join clauses
- segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others
- spell many common exception words
- form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

Mathematics

The pupil can:

- partition two-digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones. This may include using apparatus (e.g. 23 is the same as 2 tens and 3 ones, which is the same as 1 ten and 13 ones)
- add 2 two-digit numbers within 100 (e.g. $48 + 35$) and can demonstrate their method using concrete apparatus or pictorial representations
- use estimation to check that their answers to a calculation are reasonable (e.g. knowing that $48 + 35$ will be less than 100)
- subtract mentally a two-digit number from another two-digit number when there is no regrouping required (e.g. $74 - 33$)
- recognise the inverse relationships between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and work out missing number problems (e.g. $\Delta - 14 = 28$)
- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables to solve simple problems, demonstrating an understanding of commutativity as necessary (e.g. knowing they can make 7 groups of 5 from 35 blocks and writing $35 \div 5 = 7$; sharing 40 cherries between 10 people and writing $40 \div 10 = 4$; stating the total value of six 5p coins)
- identify $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and knows that all parts must be equal parts of the whole.
- use different coins to make the same amount (e.g. use coins to make 50p in different ways; work out how many £2 coins are needed to exchange for a £20 note)
- read scales in divisions of ones, twos, fives and tens in a practical situation where all numbers on the scale are given (e.g. pupil reads the temperature on a thermometer or measures capacities using a measuring jug)
- read the time on the clock to the nearest 15 minutes
- describe properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes (e.g. the pupil describes a triangle: it has 3 sides, 3 vertices and 1 line of symmetry; the pupil describes a pyramid: it has 8 edges, 5 faces, 4 of which are triangles and one is a square).

Year 2 Common Exception Word List

Below is a list of words children are expected to be able to read, pronounce, spell and use in their writing by the end of Year 2.

They are called common exception words because they are exceptions to taught phonic sounds, but they are also used frequently in age-appropriate Year 2 texts.

door	floor	poor	because	find	kind
mind	behind	climb	child	children*	wild
most	only	both	old	cold	gold
hold	told	clothes	hour	any	many
every	everybody	even	great	break	steak
pretty	beautiful	after	fast	last	past
father	class	grass	pass	plant	path
bath	busy	move	prove	improve	sure
sugar	could	should	would	money	eye
water	people	who	whole	again	half
	parents	Mr	Mrs	Christmas	