

Dictation Passage

Spelling focus: Year 2 common exception words

Teacher note: Common exception words are in bold in the passages below.

In the wonderful countryside, lived a group of **kind people**. **Mr** and **Mrs** Williams were loved by all. They were amazed when they finally became **parents** to the **most beautiful child** in the **whole** world. They named her Sarah.

One day, Sarah's **father** decided to take her on an adventure **because** she was a strong girl. They woke up early, closed the **door** quietly, so not to wake her mum, and were quickly on the **move**. They tiptoed over the **grass**, being careful not to knock over the **plant** pots, and followed a **path, which** ran along some flowing **water**. It led to a huge mountain that **everybody** knew was too hard to **climb** unless you wanted to **break** your leg! Sarah thought her dad was too **old** to go up there, but before she **could** blink, his feet were off the **floor** leaving her **behind**. Sarah let him **pass** her, and he was soon way ahead of her. He obviously wanted to **prove** that he was still able to do it, and in under an **hour**, he was at the top! Sarah quickly followed him up the mountain.

"That was **wild!**" I can't believe how **fast** you were!" shouted Sarah as they reached the top. **Even** though they were the **only** ones on top of the mountain, Sarah did not feel alone. She saw a **pretty eye** staring at them through a bush. **Who** was it? They **both** carefully crept over to see what it was...

It was actually a piece of **gold** glistening in the sun! It felt **cold** in her hand. Sarah started to think about how much **money** it might be worth and all the **clothes** that she might buy with it. Her dad **told** her to **hold** it in her hand and think about the **poor children** in their village. Sarah instantly felt guilty. "Let's buy **sugar** and **steak** for everyone in my **class**, and make **sure** they get **any** present they want at **Christmas!**" Her dad hoped to **improve many** things in their village. What a **great find!**

In her **mind**, Sarah believed **every** person **should** be happy. **After half** a day on top of the mountain, it was time for them to get back home **again**. They knew mum **would** be **busy** cooking the **last** of the potatoes. Sarah was already daydreaming of a warm **bath** and a hot cup of cocoa. All of the journey home was walked in silence as they thought, not of the **past** but of the future, and of all the ways they might help the villagers.

Common Exception Words

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

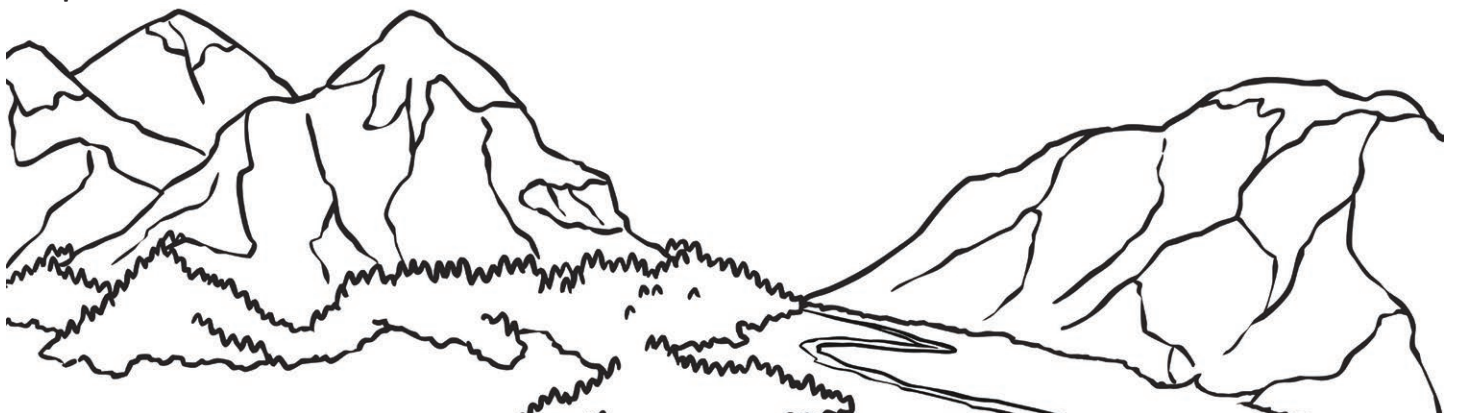
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Fill in the Gaps

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Word Practice

choose your own words to put on the list below. Practise the words on this list using look, say, cover, write and check.



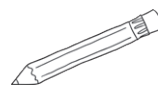
Look



Say



Cover



Write



Check

Word	1st try	2nd try	3rd try