

## Common exception words

### Year 2

Some words are exceptions in some accents but not in others – e.g. past, last, fast, path and bath are not exceptions in accents where the a in these words is pronounced /æ/, as in cat.

Great, break and steak are the only common words where the /eɪ/ sound is spelt ea.

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

Note: 'children' is not an exception to what has been taught so far but is included because of its relationship with 'child'.