

Year 2 Spelling and Reading: Common Exception Words

Learning from Home Activity Booklet

Year 2 Programme of Study – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

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Note for parents and carers:

In Year 2, children add to the list of 'common exception words' that they began to learn in Year 1. These words are a combination of the most commonly used words in reading and writing, and some words that do not follow phonetic rules. The list of common exception words continues to be added to as children progress through school.

Year 2 Common Exception Words

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

Common Exception Words Bingo

Print out the exception words, cut them up and put into a hat or a bowl. Print and cut out the bingo cards and choose one for each player. Take it in turns to pick a word from the hat and read it to your partner. If they have it on their card, they cross it off. The winner is the first person to cross off all the words on their card. There are blank cards too so you can make your own.

Bingo Card 1

money		poor	
	whole	would	
even		people	again

Bingo Card 2

	should		gold
parents		steak	
	pretty	both	



Bingo Card 3

kind			father
	hold	improve	plant
bath		children	

Bingo Card 4

clothes	break		
	kind	eye	every
most		fast	

Bingo Card 5

	wild	hour	old
because	prove		
		sure	both

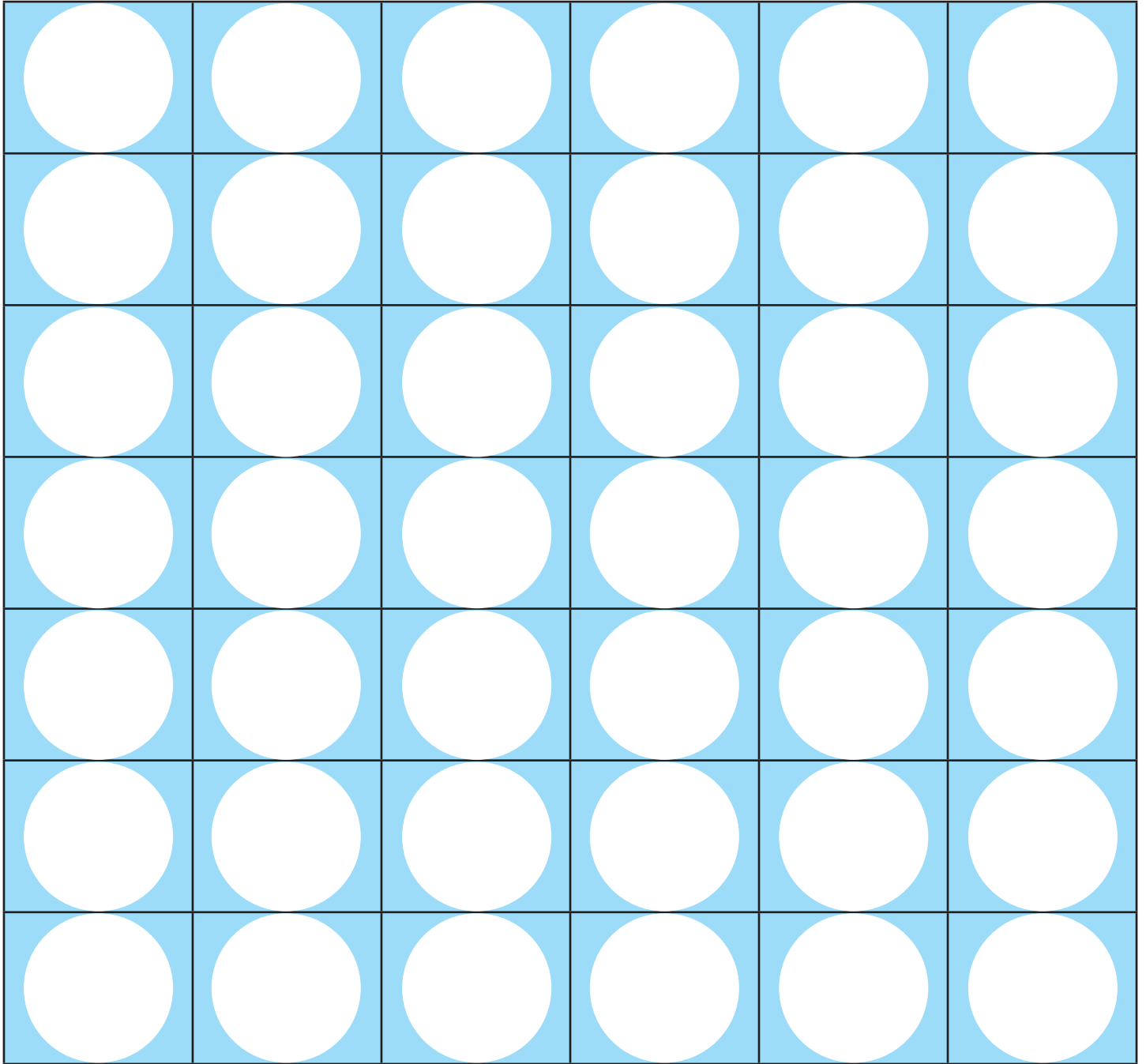
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4 in a Row Game

You will need a set of two different coloured counters (around 10-15 of each colour). If you don't have counters, coloured sweets, small toys or coins will do. Use your hat, bag or bowl full of the bingo card words for this game too. Take it in turns to pull out a word. If you can read it, you can place a coloured counter on the board. The aim of the game is to get four counters in a row, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



Word Search

How many of your words can you find in this word search? There are 14 altogether!

c	o	u	l	d	a	u	r	a	g	u	s
h	q	p	y	e	l	p	o	e	p	d	s
i	j	d	n	i	k	u	b	g	w	l	m
l	g	p	v	y	p	r	e	t	t	y	p
d	d	r	c	p	y	t	a	l	h	m	h
r	d	o	o	s	h	o	u	l	d	e	p
e	x	v	x	e	w	a	t	e	r	e	a
n	q	e	h	c	j	q	i	k	r	v	r
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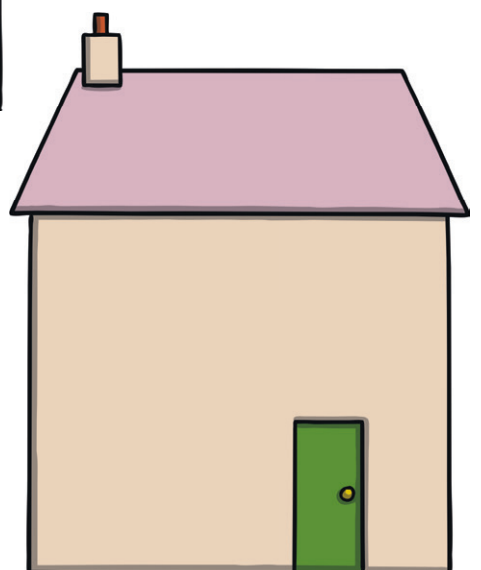
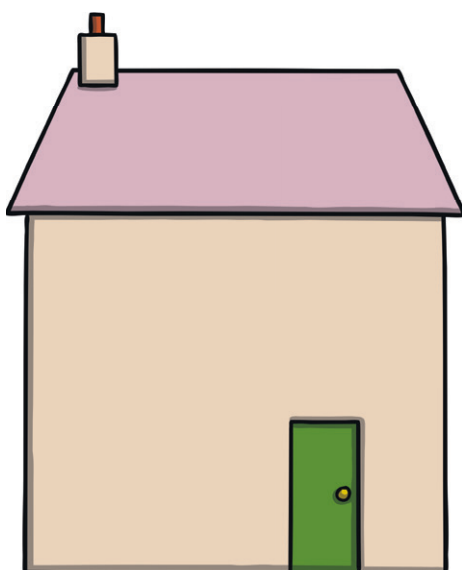
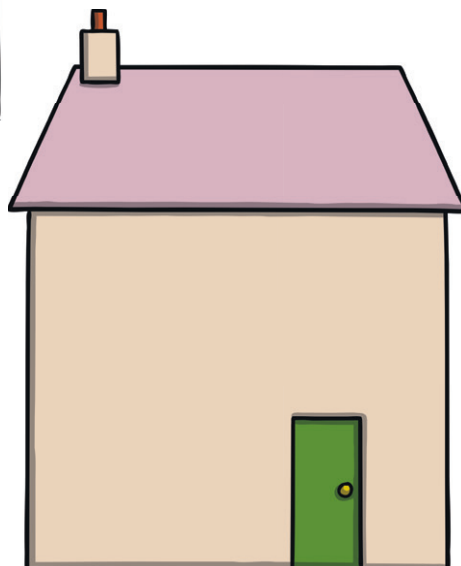
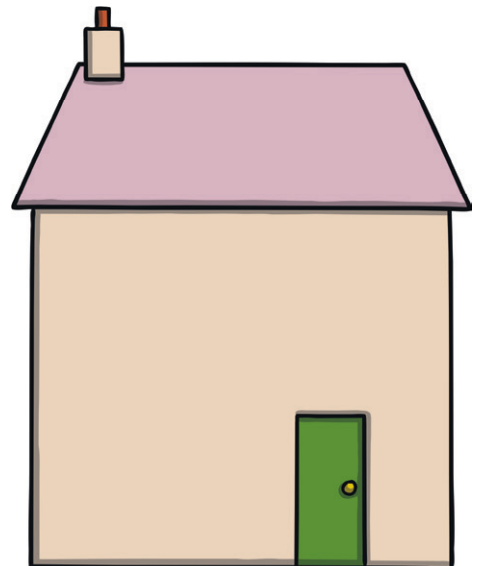
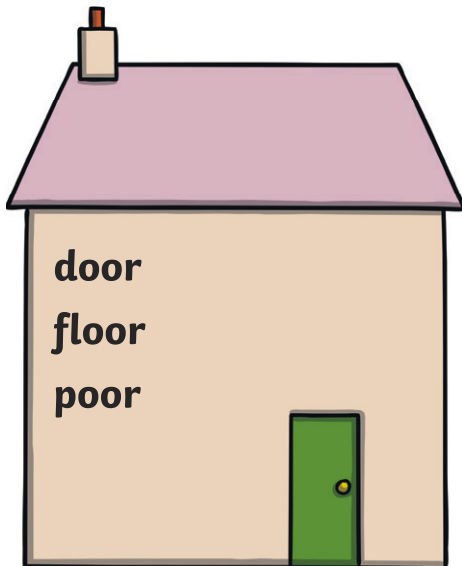
Syllable Search

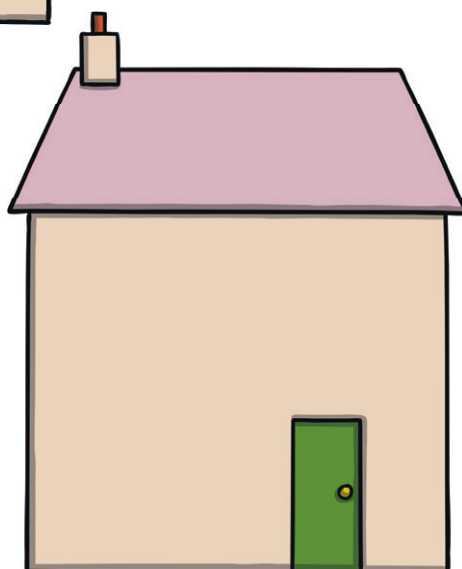
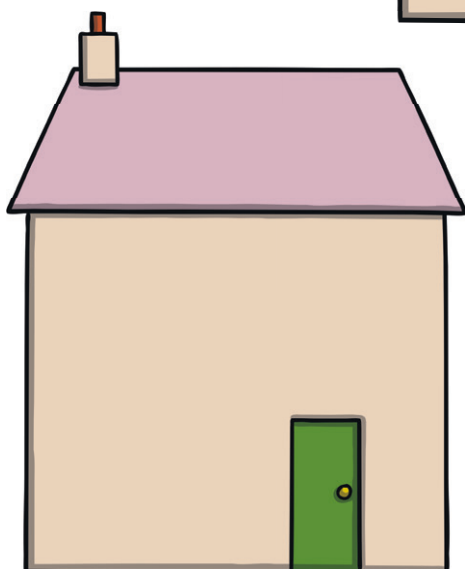
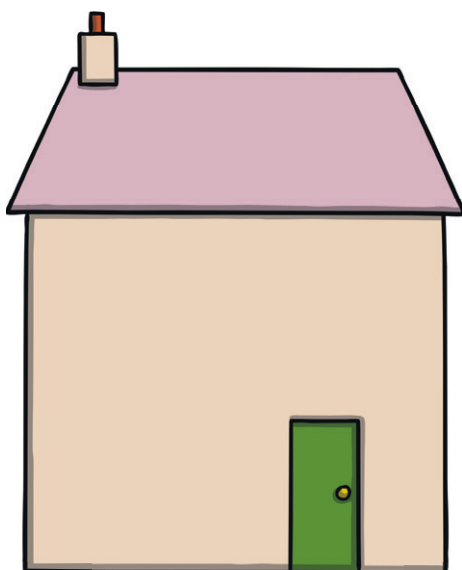
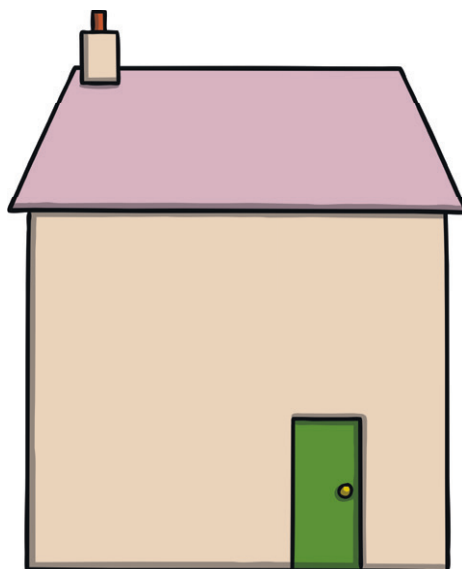
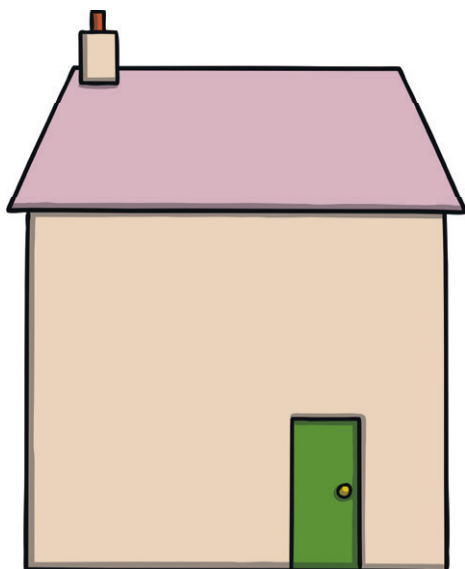
Look at your common exception word list. How many words have one syllable? How many have two syllables? Write the words into these jars according to how many syllables they have.



Word Families

Look at your common exception word list. Have you noticed that some of the words contain the same string of letters – for example door, floor and poor? Group the words into families with the same letter string and put them into these houses:





Challenge: Can you add any words that are not on your common exception word list to the families?

Unusual Graphemes

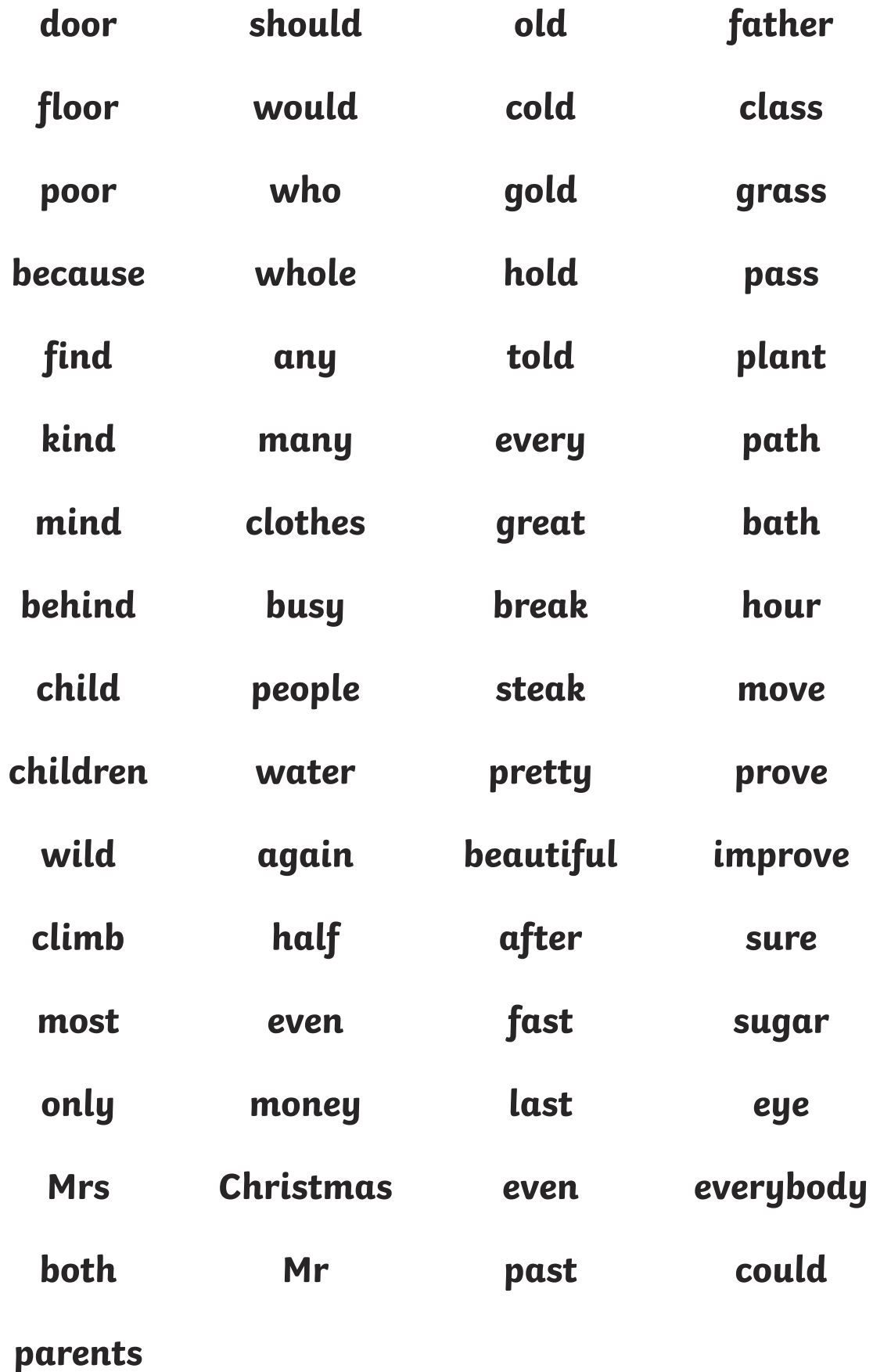
Some of the words on your common exception word list contain 'unusual graphemes' – letters or strings of letters that don't make the sound you are expecting them to. For example, in the word 'beautiful', the letters string 'eau' makes the sound 'yoo'.

Look at these words from your list. Choose a coloured pen or pencil and underline the unusual graphemes.



beautiful	Christmas
sure	sugar
pretty	steak
money	eye
half	people
busy	should
would	whole
because	Mrs

Challenge: Can you find any more unusual graphemes in the words on the common exception word list?



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Year 2 Spelling and Reading: Common Exception Words Answers

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r	d	o	o	s	h	o	u	l	d	e	p
e	x	v	x	e	w	a	t	e	r	e	d
n	q	e	h	c	j	q	l	k	r	v	r
i	z	r	a	o	f	k	f	w	b	l	e
f	p	z	b	e	c	a	u	s	e	t	n
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