

Common exception words (CEWs) quiz

the opposite of hot	not an adult but a young person	all the people	something split in two	cash: notes or coins	lots of
to do more than once	the opposite of go away	very pretty	nearly all	not before but	60 minutes
December 25th	rain, rivers and taps give us this	the opposite of young	quick	a place where teachers work	dad
you can wash in this	a single time	helpful gentle and nice	very certain	to go up something	the opposite of first
shiny, yellow metal	green tufts growing in the ground	paving stones make one of these	pal, buddy	the opposite of in front	to get better
having lots to do	the opposite of rich	to very much like	sweet, white crystals	you see with this	all of something

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Spelling goes hand in hand with decoding, reading comprehension and vocabulary development. This activity from Y2 ESSENTIAL Spelling brings together each of these.

Put up the grid below on the board and challenge the children to answer as many as they can in 10 minutes.

Alternatively, make several copies of the grid to chop up and give out to children, who can work with a partner to pick up a card and ask each other the clue. The partner should write down the word and the children should both check the spelling before moving on.

Modify this for some learners by providing the list of CEWs for them to check against, and get them to work in pairs or a small team to work out which word answers each clue. Then challenge the children to cover over the word before attempting to spell it.

Answers:

cold, child, everyone, half, money, many
again, come, beautiful, most, after, hour
Christmas, water, old, fast, school, father
bath, once, kind, sure, climb, last
gold, grass, path, friend, behind, improve
busy, poor, love, sugar, eye, everything