

APPENDIX

8-3

# Sample Past Tense Worksheet

Compare these regular verbs and their past tense forms. Decide if you add a syllable in the past tense:

	Verb	Past Tense	Extra syllable?
1	relax	relaxed	
2	need	needed	
3	assert	asserted	
4	smoke	smoked	
5	rearrange	rearranged	
6	decide	decided	
7	anticipate	anticipated	
8	punish	punished	
9	reelect	reelected	
10	attach	attached	

You only need to add a syllable if the verb ends in one of two sounds. Look at the table and complete the rule:

**Regular Past Tense:** Add a syllable in the past tense when you add *-ed* to verbs ending in // or //. If the last sound is voiced, add /d/. If unvoiced, add /t/.

<b>Infinitive</b>	<b>Regular Past</b>	<b>/ɪd/ + syllable, /d/, or /t/?</b>
chop	chopped	
massage	massaged	
wash	washed	
collide	collided	
buzz	buzzed	
change	changed	
relax	relaxed	
hurl	hurled	
commit	committed	
organize	organized	
hatch	hatched	
calculate	calculated	
screech	screeched	
remain	remained	
cough	coughed	