

## Connecting Grammar and Vocabulary

### **The Most Common Regular Past Tense Verbs in General English\*\***

1. Everyone looked at the crying baby.
2. The teacher seemed very tired at the end of class.
3. They all wanted a piece of chocolate cake.
4. She asked me about the homework.
5. He is sure that he turned off the stove before leaving his house.
6. I showed my driver's license to the police officer.
7. The moon looked so beautiful last night.
8. We called our friend to help us.
9. I used your cell phone to call my office.
10. My grandmother died in 2007.

\*\* spoken and written English, compiled from the British National Corpus

### **The Most Common Regular Past Tense Verbs in Academic English\*\***

1. People assumed Henry's story was true.
2. The teacher created two copies of the exam.
3. In that story, humans established a city on the moon in 2000.
4. They estimated the value of the coin to be over one million dollars.
5. Saudi Arabia exported over \$350 billion of oil products in 2008.
6. The police identified the person who robbed the bank.
7. My dad's health test indicated that he had high blood pressure.
8. The accident involved a car and a truck.
9. Several problems occurred when the inventors tested the product.
10. Prior to 2005, the city required dogs to be in a leash all the time.

\*\*Source: Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000), Regular Verbs in Sublist 1