

TROUBLESOME VERBS:

The verbs marked with an asterisk will take an object. For example, you have *to lay* or *set* or *raise* something (like raise the flag). The other verbs will not take an object.

PRESENT TENSE	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
*LAY	LAID	LAID
LIE	LAY	LAIN
*RAISE	RAISED	RAISED
RISE	ROSE	RISEN
*SET	SET	SET
SIT	SAT	SATE

TROUBLESOME VERBS EXERCISE

Directions: Choose the correct word in parentheses.

1. The pupil (*raised, rose*) her hand in class.
2. A balloon with helium in it (*raises, rises*).
3. Anna (*set, sat*) in a rocking chair because she was tired.
4. I (*set, sat*) your grammar book on the desk a few moments ago.
5. Roosters do not (*lay, lie*) eggs.
6. Jane is (*laying, lying*) on the grass in the field right now.
7. Janice (*laid, lay*) the brush on top of the dresser a few seconds ago.
8. If you are exhausted, you should (*lay, lie*) down and take a rest.
9. San Diego (*lays, lies*) to the south of Los Angeles.
10. Mr. Wiegand (*raises, rises*) many kinds of flowers in his garden.
11. The student (*rose, raised*) from her seat and approached the front of the auditorium to accept her diploma.
12. Harry is a very methodical person. Every evening before he goes to bed, he (*lays, lies*) his clothes, socks, and underwear for the next day on his chair.
13. Where is my wallet? I (*lay, laid*) it here on the desk ten minutes ago.
14. Waldo (*set, sat*) at his desk for dinner.
15. Waldo (*set, sat*) the table for dinner.
16. The completion of all of your dreams (*lies, lays*) within you—if you just believe in yourself.

Directions: Circle the correct verb for each sentence.

1. Chuck (*lay, laid*) his marker on his desk.
2. The blanket (*lay, laid*) on the bed.
3. Pablo (*sat, set*) the paper on the counter.
4. Justin (*rose, raised*) at five o'clock each morning.

5. Mario (*lay, laid*) the diamonds on the counter.
6. Alberto (*lay, laid*) on the blue towel.
7. Raul often (*sits, sets*) in the corner of the classroom.
8. Reggie (*rose, raised*) the curtain for the play to start.
9. Sam (*lies, lays*) on the beach and sleeps.
10. Stew (*sat, set*) on the corner of Cedar Avenue.
11. Anita (*rose, raised*) the water level in the pool.
12. Ethel (*rises, raises*) very early in the morning.
13. Opie did not (*rise, raise*) from his bed.
14. Michi (*sat, set*) in front of her home.

Directions: Choose the correct form of "rise" or "raise" to complete the following sentences.

1. Terry is going to ask her supervisor to _____ her salary.
2. When I wanted to respond to the teacher, I _____ my hand in class.
3. I had an early meeting, so I _____ at 6 A.M.
4. When his alarm clock goes off, Dante will _____ and turn it off.
5. Norm made corrections on his assignment, and his teacher _____ his grade on the essay.
6. Since I was so exhausted, I decided to _____ later than usual.
7. My teacher gave me a chance for extra work so that I could _____ my grade in English.
8. Joe watched below as his little sister _____ higher up the hill.
9. Teddy used a block of wood to _____ his bed up higher.
10. The production crew will film us while we attempt to _____ to the summit of the mountain.

Directions: Choose the correct form of "lie" or "lay" to complete the following sentences.

1. Before I went to bed, I _____ my clothes out for tomorrow's meeting.
2. Every Saturday afternoon, we _____ on the bed for a nap.
3. When the kids are cold, they _____ a blanket on their legs.
4. Our cats like to _____ under the table.
5. Last night, the boys _____ their backpacks outside.
6. Whenever we meet, they _____ their coats on the couch.
7. Susan and Melinda often _____ on the floor to make posters.
8. Last night, we all _____ awake until 2 A.M.
9. I _____ in bed feeling sick all of last week.
10. Yesterday, our teacher _____ on the ground injured.

Directions: Choose the correct form of "sit" or "set" to complete each sentence.

1. When I finally got home, I _____ down in my lounge chair.
2. He couldn't recall where he _____ his wallet.
3. I promised my sister she could _____ next to me.
4. Before supper every night, I have to _____ the table.
5. We carried the heavy tools inside and _____ them down.
6. Grandmom needs to _____ and rest.
7. When the cat wanted to come in, he _____ by the screen door.
8. Janice came in from the cold snow storm and _____ her heavy coat on the couch.
9. Yesterday at the play, we were able to _____ in the first row.
10. When the mail arrives, I sort it and then _____ it on the table.