

Lie or Lay?

Choose the verb that fits.

6.LU.1.E "Form and use often confusing verbs (e.g., lie/lay, sit/set, rise/raise) correctly in sentences."

NAME _____

DATE _____

LIE: RESTING

Use lie when the subject rests or reclines. Lie does not take an object.

The astronaut will lie inside the sleeping pod.

LAY: PUTTING

Use lay when someone puts something down. Lay takes an object, the thing being placed.

Marta will lay the blanket across the bench.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle LIE or LAY, then choose two items and explain why each verb fits.

1. The puppy will ____ beside the fireplace.

LIE

LAY

2. The gardener will ____ seeds in the soil.

LIE

LAY

3. ____ your helmet on the shelf.

LIE

LAY

4. After practice, we ____ on the gym floor.

LIE

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5. Please ____ still during the photo.

LIE

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6. The campers will ____ under the stars.

LIE

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7. ____ the folders in the cabinet.

LIE

LAY

8. The nurse will ____ a bandage over the cut.

LIE

LAY

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence using lie for resting and one new sentence using lay for putting something down.

LIE _____

LAY _____

CHALLENGE

Write two past-tense sentences: use lay for resting in one sentence and laid for putting an object down in the other.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The puppy will ___ beside the fireplace.	LIE	The puppy is resting, and no object is being placed.
2	The gardener will ___ seeds in the soil.	LAY	Seeds are the object being placed.
3	___ your helmet on the shelf.	LAY	The helmet is the object being placed.
4	After practice, we ___ on the gym floor.	LIE	We are resting, and no object is being placed.
5	Please ___ still during the photo.	LIE	The subject is resting or staying still.
6	The campers will ___ under the stars.	LIE	The campers are resting, and no object is being placed.
7	___ the folders in the cabinet.	LAY	The folders are the object being placed.
8	The nurse will ___ a bandage over the cut.	LAY	A bandage is the object being placed.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **LIE:** I lie on the couch after school.
- **LAY:** Lay the napkin beside your plate.

Challenge: Yesterday, the fox lay beneath the bridge. I laid my keys in the drawer.

Items 1, 4, 5, and 6 are LIE. Items 2, 3, 7, and 8 are LAY. In student explanations, look for resting with no object for lie and placing an object for lay.