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Easily Confused Verbs

Infinitive	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle	Present Participle
To lay	lay / lays	laid	laid	laying

MEANING To put or place something down.
✓ We laid our picnic blanket on the ground.
✓ He is laying bricks for the new barbecue in his backyard.

Infinitive	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle	Present Participle
To lie	lie / lies	lay	lain	lying

MEANING To be on a surface in a horizontal position.
✓ The cat lay on my keyboard and fell asleep.
✓ The boy is lying on the ground reading a magazine.

Infinitive	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle	Present Participle
To lie	lie / lies	lied	lied	lying

MEANING To say things that are not true.
✓ Why did you lie to me? I saw what you did!
✓ She lied about eating the cake.

Complete these sentences with the correct forms of the verbs **"to lay or to lie"**

1. Many animals _____ their eggs in water.
2. Yesterday I watched television and _____ in bed all day.
3. Children should not _____ to their parents.
4. The dog is _____ in the dog house because it is a hot sunny day.

Complete these sentences with the correct form of the verbs **"to rise or to raise"**.

1. Are the flood waters still _____.
2. The men _____ to their feet and applauded the artist.
3. The flags were _____ at the opening of the festival.
4. What time did the sun _____ today?

SIMILAR WORDS
rise or raise

Remember!

« rise » is an irregular verb
to rise - rose - risen

« raise » is a regular verb
to raise - raised - raised

In the space provided write the correct word to make each sentence correct.

EXAMPLE: The (weather, whether) during the month of October was very unpredictable.

1. The principal recommended that the student seek (advice, advise) from the Guidance Counsellor.
2. The homeless man roams all (threw, through) the city.
3. The pupils were (aloud, allowed) to bring educational games to school.
4. The Governor's (ball, bawl) was attended by three hundred patrons.

I accidentally cut my (vein, vain).

His (advice, advise) was extremely valuable.

He ran (pass, past) the house very quickly.

Isn't Barbados a beautiful (isle, aisle)?

1. Please give me a (brake, break), I need to sleep.