

Confusing words exercise

The words lay and lie are often confused. There are several confusing word pairs in English. This exercise tests your ability to use these words correctly.

Complete the following sentences.

1. Sam has on the bed all morning.

lain

lied

laid

2. Alice says that she has already
the table.

laid

lain

lied

3. The books were on the table.

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lied

lain

laid

4. This time tomorrow I will be on the beach.

lying

lieing

lyeing

5. While in bed, I had an idea.

laying

lying

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6. She always her books neatly on the table.

lays

lies

lains

7. Don't in bed all day.

lie

lay

8. I down and closed my eyes.

lay

lie

lied

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9. I must be weight.

losing

loosing

lousing

10. Did you cricket yesterday?

practice

practise

Answers

1. Sam has lain on the bed all morning.
2. Alice says that she has already laid the table.
3. The books were laid on the table.
4. This time tomorrow I will be lying on the beach.
5. While lying in bed, I had an idea.

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6. She always lays her books neatly on the table.

7. Don't lie in bed all day.

8. I lay down and closed my eyes.

9. I must be losing weight.

10. Did you practise cricket yesterday?