

## Lay vs. Lie

Fill in the blanks with lay, lie or laid.

Lay is the past simple form of lie.

Lie is intransitive. It does not have an object.

Lay is transitive. It needs an object.

1. .... the books on the table.

Lay

Lie

2. The tornado ..... many buildings flat.

lied

laid

lain

3. The members ..... their proposal

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before the board.

laid

lay

lied

4. A turtle ..... many eggs at one time.

lays

lies

lay

5. .... the cartons one on top of the other.

Lay

Lie

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6. The tiles were ..... in a geometric pattern.

laid

lain

lied

7. It is a mistake to ..... too much emphasis on grades.

lay

lie

8. .... here until the dizziness goes away.

Lie

Lay

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9. The prisoners ..... an escape plan.

laid

lied

lain

10 She serves as a ..... teacher at the convent school.

lay

lie

11 As he was feeling dizzy, he ..... down on the couch.

lie

lay

laid

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12. .... still.

Lie

Lay

## Answers

Lay the books on the table.

The tornado laid many buildings flat.

The members laid their proposal before the board.

A turtle lays many eggs at one time.

Lay the cartons one on top of the other.

The tiles were laid in a geometric pattern.

It is a mistake to lay too much emphasis on grades.

Lie here until the dizziness goes away.

The prisoners laid an escape plan.

She serves as a lay teacher at the convent school.

As he was feeling dizzy, he lay down on the couch.

Lie still.