

## TROUBLESOME VERBS

### LIE/LAY

lie = to rest or recline

lay = to put or place

Use *lie* and its parts when the subject is resting, reclining, or inactive.

Use *lay* and its parts when the subject is putting or placing something.

Present	Past	Past Participle	Present Participle
lie	lay	lain	lying
lay	laid	laid	laying

### RISE/RAISE

rise = to go up

raise = to lift up or put up (or increase, as in “He raised the rent.”)

Use *rise* and its parts when something or someone goes up or moves up by its own power.

Use *raise* and its parts when something or someone is lifted up, put up, or elevated by another person or force.

Present	Past	Past Participle	Present Participle
rise	rose	risen	rising
raise	raised	raised	raising

### SIT/SET

sit = to recline or rest

set = to place or put

Use *sit* and its parts when the subject is resting, reclining, or inactive.

Use *set* and its parts when the subject is putting or placing something.

Present	Past	Past Participle	Present Participle
sit	sat	sat	sitting
set	set	set	setting