

## TROUBLE SOME VERBS.

### SAY vs TELL

- Say focuses on the words someone ~~has~~ said.
- Tell focuses more on the content of a message someone said.
- Tell is usually followed by a (pronoun) but say is not.
- With say we sometimes use "To someone".
- We can use say with direct speech.
- We use tell only with direct speech that is an instruction or information.
- Say can be used in direct questions, not tell.
- In reported information we can use both say and tell.



• We cannot use either to talk about reported questions. We must use *ask* for a similar verb.

• We use *tell* + object + infinitive for orders or advice.

• We cannot use *say* with these fixed phrases

□ *Tell* a story

□ *Tell* a lie

□ — the truth.

□ — the future

□ — the time.

## LAY vs LIE

• Lay : To put or place smthg down

↳ lay / laid / laid

→ It's followed by a direct object.

We lay smth.

→ Lay also means to produce an egg

→ Can also means to set a table.



• Lie : To be on a surface in a horizontal position.

- Lie / Lay / Lain.

- Has no direct object after it.

- We often use "down" after lie.

- Also means to say things that are not true.

- Lie / Lied / Lied.

## Sit vs Set.

• Sit : "To be seated" or "To rest"

- Doesn't usually take a direct object.

• Set : "To put or place smth".

- Usually takes a direct object.



## RISE vs RAISE

- Rise : "To move upward" or "To get up"
  - Rise / Rose / Risen.
  - Doesn't take a direct object.
- Raise : "To lift (smth) up"
  - Usually takes a direct object.