

# Commonly Confused Verbs

## *Worksheet for my Students -Ucar*

### LIE VERSUS LAY

Lie vs. Lay usage		
Present	Past	Past Participle
lie, lying (to tell a falsehood)	I lied to my mother.	I have lied under oath.
lie, lying (to recline)	I lay on the bed because I was tired.	He has lain in the grass.
lay, laying (to put, place)	I laid the baby in her cradle.	We have laid the dishes on the table.

### Example sentences:

After laying down his weapon, the soldier lay down to sleep.

Will you lay out my clothes while I lie down to rest?

## SIT VERSUS SET

Sit vs. Set usage		
Present	Past	Past Participle
sit (to be seated or come to resting position)	I sat in my favorite chair.	You have sat there for three hours.
set (to put or place)	I set my glass on the table.	She has set her books on my desk again.

### Example sentences:

Let's set the table before we sit down to rest.

I set my glass on the table.

Mom told me to set the table.

## RISE VERSUS RAISE

Rise vs. Raise usage		
Present	Past	Past Participle
rise (steady or customary upward movement)	The balloon rose into the air.	He has risen to a position of power.
raise (to cause to rise)	They raised their hands because they knew the answer.	I have raised the curtain many times.

### Example sentences:

**The boy raised the flag just before the sun rose.**

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## VOCABULARY BANK

a Complete the **verbs** column with the correct verb in the right form.

	verbs
<u>argue / discuss</u> 1 I need to <input type="text"/> the problem with my boss. 2 I often <input type="text"/> with my parents about doing housework.	<input type="text"/> (= talk about sth) <input type="text"/> (= speak angrily to sb)
<u>notice / realize</u> 3 I didn't <input type="text"/> you were so unhappy. 4 I didn't <input type="text"/> that Karen had changed her hair colour.	<input type="text"/> (= understand fully, become aware of sth) <input type="text"/> (= see, observe)
<u>avoid / prevent</u> 5 Jack always tries to <input type="text"/> arguing with me. 6 My dad can't <input type="text"/> me from seeing my friends.	<input type="text"/> (= try not to do something) <input type="text"/> (= stop)
<u>lend / borrow</u> 7 When are you going to pay me back the £50 that I <input type="text"/> you? 8 Could I <input type="text"/> your car tonight? I know you're not using it.	<input type="text"/> (= give sth to sb that you want them to give back) <input type="text"/> (= ask for sth that you intend to give back)

<b>mind / matter</b> 9 My parents don't <input type="text"/> if I stay out late. 10 It doesn't <input type="text"/> if we're five minutes late.	<input type="text"/> (= have a problem / feel strongly) <input type="text"/> (= be a problem)
<b>remember / remind</b> 11 Can you <input type="text"/> me to call my mum later? 12 <input type="text"/> to turn off the lights before you go.	<input type="text"/> (= help sb to remember) <input type="text"/> (= not forget)
<b>expect / wait</b> 13 I <input type="text"/> that Daniel will forget our anniversary. He always does. 14 We'll have to <input type="text"/> half an hour for the next train.	<input type="text"/> (= think that sth will happen) <input type="text"/> (= stay where you are until something happens)
<b>wish / hope</b> 15 I <input type="text"/> I was a bit taller! 16 I <input type="text"/> that you can come on Friday. I haven't seen you for ages.	<input type="text"/> (= want sth to be true, even if it is unlikely or impossible) <input type="text"/> (= want sth to happen)
<b>beat / win</b> 17 Arsenal <input type="text"/> the match 5–2. 18 Arsenal <input type="text"/> Manchester United 5–2.	<input type="text"/> (= be successful in a competition) <input type="text"/> (= defeat sb)
<b>refuse / deny</b> 19 Tom always <input type="text"/> to discuss the problem. 20 Tom always <input type="text"/> that he has a problem.	<input type="text"/> (= say you don't want to do sth) <input type="text"/> (= say that sth isn't true)

<p><b>raise / rise</b></p> <p>21 The cost of living is going to <input type="text"/> again this month.</p> <p>22 It's hard not to <input type="text"/> your voice when you're arguing with someone.</p>	<p><input type="text"/> (= go up)</p> <p><input type="text"/> (= make sth go up)</p>
<p><b>lay</b> (past <i>laid</i>, past participle <i>lain</i>) / <b>lie</b> (past <i>lay</i>, past participle <i>lain</i>)</p> <p>23 Go and <input type="text"/> on the bed if you're tired.</p> <p>24 I usually <input type="text"/> my baby on the bed to change his nappy.</p>	<p><input type="text"/> (= put your body in a horizontal position)</p> <p><input type="text"/> (= put sth or sb in a horizontal position)</p>
<p><b>steal / rob</b></p> <p>25 The men had been planning to <input type="text"/> the bank.</p> <p>26 If you leave your bike unlocked, somebody might <input type="text"/> it.</p>	<p><input type="text"/> (= take sth from a person or place by threat or force)</p> <p><input type="text"/> (= take money or property that isn't yours)</p>
<p><b>advise / warn</b></p> <p>27 I think I should <input type="text"/> you that Liam doesn't always tell the truth.</p> <p>28 My teachers are going to <input type="text"/> me what subjects to study next year.</p>	<p><input type="text"/> (= tell sb that sth unpleasant is likely to happen)</p> <p><input type="text"/> (= tell sb what you think they should do)</p>

b  7.9 Listen and check.

**ACTIVATION** Cover the verbs column. Say the sentences with the correct verbs.

c Complete the questions with the correct verb from each pair, in the right form. Then ask and answer with a partner.

1 Do you  if people are a bit late when you have arranged to meet them, or do you think it doesn't ?

**matter / mind**

2 Can you usually  family birthdays, or do you need somebody to  you? **remember / remind**

3 Have you ever been  when you were on holiday? What was ? **rob / steal**

4 What would you  people to do if they want to come to your country in the summer? What might you  them to be careful about? **advise / warn**

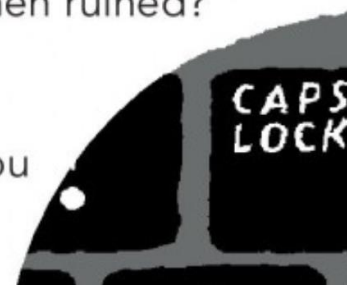
5 Do you think taking vitamin C helps to  colds? What other things can people do to  catching colds?

**avoid / prevent**

6 Do you ever  clothes from friends or family? Have you ever  clothes to someone which they then ruined?

**borrow / lend**

7 Have you ever  a cup or medal for anything? Are there any games or sports where you absolutely hate being ? **beat / win**





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Choose the correct answer.

1. Federer  the match 6-3, 6-4, 7-6
2. Nobody  that I was wearing a new skirt.
3. My wife and I  everything before making a decision.
4. I've only met Josh once but he  very shy.
5. Do you  waiting another 10 minutes until I get there?
6. What was  from your house?
7. I  that Mark arrived safely in New York.
8. That woman  me of my grandmother.



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