Commonly Confused Words Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. Don’t .............. in bed all day.
lie
lay
lain

2. Susie was supposed to go to the party, but she was ill so Joe went ................. her.
instead of
without
Either could be used here

3. .............. expensive holidays could be the most interesting.
The least
Least
The lesser

4. He ................. to me when he said he loved me.
laid
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lied
lain

5. She didn’t let me ............... what she was writing.

see
to see

6. After questioning they were ............... home.

allowed to go
let go

7. My parents had ............... 

hard life
a hard life
Either could be used here

8. I ............... you and your husband.

like very much
very much like
Either could be used here
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9. I waited .................. but he didn’t arrive.
   long
   for a long time
   Either could be used here

10. .................. carefully – it is moving.
    Look
    Look at
    Look in

11. Paper is made ............ wood.
    of
    off
    with
    from

12. You ............... work tomorrow if you don’t want to.
    needn't
    don't have to
    Either could be used here
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Answers

1. Don't lie in bed all day.
2. Susie was supposed to go to the party, but she was ill so Joe went instead of her.
3. The least expensive holidays could be the most interesting.
4. He lied to me when he said he loved me.
5. She didn’t let me see what she was writing.
6. After questioning they were allowed to go home.
7. My parents had a hard life.
8. I very much like you and your husband.
9. I waited for a long time but he didn’t arrive.
10. Look carefully – it is moving.
11. Paper is made from wood.
12. You needn’t / don’t have to work tomorrow if you don’t want to.