

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

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8. I you and your husband.

like very much

very much like

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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

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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.