

# Confusing words exercise

The words lay and lie are often confused. There are several confusing word pairs in English. This exercise tests your ability to use these words correctly.

Complete the following sentences.

1. Sam has ..... on the bed all morning.

lain  
lied  
laid

2. Alice says that she has already ..... ..  
the table.

laid  
lain  
lied

3. The books were ..... . on the table.

lied  
lain  
laid

4. This time tomorrow I will be ..... on

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the beach.

lying  
lieing  
lyeing

5. While ..... in bed, I had an idea.

laying  
lying

6. She always ..... her books neatly on the table.

lays  
lies  
lains

7. Don't ..... in bed all day.

lie  
lay

8. I ..... down and closed my eyes.

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lay  
lie  
lied

9. I must be ..... weight.

losing  
loosing  
lousing

10. Did you ..... cricket yesterday?

practice  
practise

## Answers

1. Sam has lain on the bed all morning.
2. Alice says that she has already laid the table.
3. The books were laid on the table.
4. This time tomorrow I will be lying on the beach.
5. While lying in bed, I had an idea.

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6. She always lays her books neatly on the table.

7. Don't lie in bed all day.

8. I lay down and closed my eyes.

9. I must be losing weight.

10. Did you practise cricket yesterday?