

# Lie, Lay, Less, Few

Fill in the blanks

1. A turtle ..... many eggs at one time.

lies  
lays  
lains

2. .... the cartons one on top of the other.

Lay  
Lie  
Lain

3. I ..... the plates on the table.

lain  
laid  
lied

4. She was angry with me because I ..... to her.

laid

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lain  
lied

5. Please ..... down.

lie  
lay  
laid

6. I ..... down and closed my eyes  
but I could not sleep.

lie  
lay  
lain

7. Sam earns the most money in our family; James  
earns .....

the least  
the lowest  
the fewest

8. The essay with ..... errors is not

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always the best.

- the least
- the fewest
- the lowest

9. She always arrives when you  
..... expect it.

- least
- the least

10. I am ..... interested in this  
offer.

- not in the least
- not at all
- Either could be used here

11. .... people cook their own  
meals these days.

- Fewer
- Less
- Lesser

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12. The most effective way to lose weight is to eat  
..... food.

- less
- lesser
- least

## Answers

1. A turtle lays many eggs at one time.
2. Lay the cartons one on top of the other.
3. I laid the plates on the table.
4. She was angry with me because I lied to her.
5. Please lie down.
6. I lay down and closed my eyes but I could not sleep.
7. Sam earns the most money in our family; James earns the least.
8. The essay with the fewest errors is not always the best.
9. She always arrives when you least expect it.
10. I am not in the least / not at all interested in this offer.
11. Fewer people cook their own meals these days.
12. The most effective way to lose weight is to eat less food.