

Spelling Exercise

There are some words which can cause confusion in meaning if we are not careful about their spelling because they can be confused for another word which is very similar in spelling.

Here are some commonly confused verbs

die / dying / died

dye / dyeing / dyed

hop / hopping / hopped

hope / hoping / hoped

mop / mopping / mopped

mope / moping / moped

scrap / scraping / scraped

lie (recline) / lying / laid or lain

lie (tell a lie) / lying / lied

Complete the following sentences.

1. The rabbit across the field.

hopped

hoped

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2. I was that you could lend me a pound.

hoping
hopping

3. She the skirt to match her blouse.

died
dyed

4. The poor woman is

dying
dyeing

5. The rough surface of the floor made difficult.

mopping
moping

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6. I slipped and an elbow.

scrapped

scraped

7. The witness to the jury.

lied

laid

8. The king now in his final resting place.

lays

lies

9. I down on the couch yesterday.

lie

lay

10. Please the plate down now.

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lie
lay
lain

11. The tiles were in a geometric pattern.

lied
laid

12. It is a mistake to too much emphasis on grades.

lie
lay

Answers

1. The rabbit hopped across the field.
2. I was hoping that you could lend me a pound.
3. She dyed the skirt to match her blouse.
4. The poor woman is dying.
5. The rough surface of the floor made mopping difficult.
6. I slipped and scraped an elbow.
7. The witness lied to the jury.
8. The king lies now in his final resting place.

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9. I lay down on the couch yesterday.
10. Please lay the plate down now.
11. The tiles were laid in a geometric pattern.
12. It is a mistake to lay too much emphasis on grades.