

# Irregular Verb LAY

*To put or place something down.*

Present Tense (base form)	Past Tense	Past Participle (use a helping verb)	Present Participle	Infinitive
lay(s)	laid	laid	laying	to lay

# Irregular Verb LIE

*Rest in a horizontal position (like sleeping in a bed).*

Present Tense (base form)	Past tense	Past participle (use a helping verb)	Present Participle	Infinitive
lie(s)	lay	lain	lying	to lie

# Regular Verb LIE

*An untrue statement.*

Present Tense (base form)	Past Tense	Past Participle (use a helping verb)	Present Participle	Infinitive
lie(s)	lied	lied	lying	to lie

\* Helping verbs are not needed when past participles are used as adjectives.

# Irregular Verb LAY

## LAY/LAID/LAID

To place something down. You can replace *lay* with *put*.

Present Tense: LAY

Please lay your pencils on the desk.

Please *put* your pencil on the desk.

Past Tense: LAID

You laid your pencil on the desk.

You *put* your pencil on the desk.

Past Participle: LAID

You should have laid your pencil on the desk.

You *should have put* your pencil on the desk.

Present Participle: LAYING

Thank you for laying your pencil down.

Thank you for *putting* your pencil down.

Infinitive: TO LAY

It is a good idea to lay your pencil down.

It is a good idea *to put* your pencil down.

# Irregular Verb LIE

To recline or rest in a horizontal position (like sleeping in a bed).

## LIE/LAY/LAIN

Present Tense: LIE

You look tired... go lie down.

Past Tense: LAY

Did you lay down on a dirty floor?

Past Participle: LAIN

I had lain in bed all morning and was late for work.

*(Nobody speaks like this or uses lain.)*

Present Participle: LYING

You look relaxed lying on the bed.

Infinitive: TO LIE

After lunch, I am going to lie down.

Notice, you *can't* insert the word *put* in place of the above forms of *lie*.  
Yes, there are exceptions to this rule.

# Regular Verb LIE

A lie is an untrue statement.

## LIE/LIED/LIED

Present Tense: LIE

Did you lie to me?

Past Tense: LIED

You lied to me!

Past Participle: LIED

You must have lied in the past.

Present Participle: LYING

Please stop lying to me.

Infinitive: TO LIE

You are never going to lie again.