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## Six Troublesome Verbs

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EXERCISE A: - In each of the sentences below, two pairs of verbs appear in parentheses. Underline the verb that completes each sentence correctly.

**Example**

Mercutio (rose, raised) and then (set, sat) down again after getting a little dizzy.

1. Nessa was (lying, laying) on her bed, and her cat was (sitting, setting) beside her.
2. Brian (raised, rose) from his seat as Camille (raised, rose) up her voice.
3. My mom told me to (sit, set) the plates on the table for dinner and (lay, lie) napkins next to them.
4. I (set, sat) in a chair while he (laid, lay) down on the couch.
5. The sun had (raised, risen) early, but Anushka (laid, lain) in bed until her alarm went off.

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## Answer Keys:

1. Lying ; sitting
2. rose ; raised
3. set ; lay
4. sat ; lay
5. risen ; lain

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EXERCISE B: - The following sentences contains five errors in the use of the six troublesome verbs. Draw a line through each error, and write the correct verb above it.

Example

lie  
We ~~lay~~ around all day long.

We set in the stadium as we waited for the game to begin. Then we raised from our seats as the team came out. Unfortunately, it wasn't long before an injured player lain in the field. He was laying there for quite a while before the paramedics came. Thankfully, they were able to lie him on a stretcher and take him to a hospital.

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## Answer Keys:

sat rose  
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from our seats as the team came out. Unfortunately, it wasn't long before an

lain lying  
injured player ~~laid~~ in the field. He was ~~laying~~ there for quite a while before

lay  
the paramedics came. Thankfully, they were able to ~~lie~~ him on a stretcher  
and take him to a hospital.