

Difficult Verbs: Lie/Lay

Lie: to lie (yourself) down.

Example: I **lie** down on my bed when I am tired.

Lay: to lay something else down.

Example: I **lay** down my backpack in the hallway when I get home.

	Simple Present	Present Participle	Simple Past	Past participle
lie (self)	lie	lying	lay	lain
lay (object)	lay	laying	laid	laid

Notice that the transitive verb (the one you do to an object) is more regular than the intransitive verb (the one you do to yourself). Lay adds -ing and -ed (with a spelling change). Lie adds -ing, but changes to lay and lain.

I lie down on my bed when I am tired.
I am lying down on my bed right now.
I lay down on my bed yesterday.
In the past I have lain down on my bed.

I lay my backpack down in the hall. I
am laying my backpack down.
Yesterday I laid my backpack down.
In the past I have laid my back pack down.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, Please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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