ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Lie or Lay? Rise or Raise? Exercises

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Explanations

1. I'm exhausted. I'm going to ___ down for an hour.
✔ **A) lie**
Lie has no object: lie down. Lay down needs an object and is not standard here.

2. Could you ___ the table for dinner, please?
✔ **B) lay**
Lay takes an object (the table): lay the table.

3. Prices have ___ by 10% this year.
✔ **C) risen**
Rise has no object, and its past participle is risen.

4. The supermarket has ___ its prices again.
✔ **D) raised**
Raise takes an object (its prices): raise – raised – raised.

5. Yesterday I ___ in bed until eleven o'clock.
✔ **A) lay**
Lay is the past simple of lie (no object): I lay in bed.

6. The hen has ___ three eggs this morning.
✔ **B) laid**
Lay (with an object, eggs) has the past participle laid.

7. He ___ to his parents about the broken window.
✔ **C) lied**
Lie meaning say something false is regular: lie – lied – lied.

8. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **D) The cat is lying in the sun.**
The -ing form of lie is lying. Laying is from lay and needs an object.

9. The sun ___ in the east and sets in the west.
✔ **A) rises**
Rise has no object: The sun rises.

10. If you know the answer, ___ your hand.
✔ **B) raise**
Raise takes an object: raise your hand.

11. He ___ the heavy box on the floor and sat down.
✔ **C) set**
Set means put something somewhere. It takes an object and is set – set – set.

12. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **D) The problem lies in the design.**
Lie in means is found in. It has no object: The problem lies in the design.

13. Which sentence means that people cut down the trees?
✔ **A) They felled the trees.**
Fell (felled, felled) means cut down. Fall (fell, fallen) has no object.

14. Which sentence has a mistake?
✔ **B) The government is going to rise taxes.**
Taxes is an object, so use raise: raise taxes.

15. The letter had ___ on the desk for weeks before anyone opened it.
✔ **C) lain**
The letter is not doing anything to an object, so use lie. Its past participle is lain.

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