

TRANSITIVE / INTRANSITIVE VERB PAIRS

1. Choose the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

- a) The sun (rises / raises) an hour later now that daylight-saving time has
- b) begun.
- c) (Sit / Set) down and rest a while.
- d) If you feel faint, (lie / lay) down.
- e) I (lay / laid) awake all last night worrying about final exams.
- f) Why are you (lying / laying) your coat over the chair?
- g) The workers have already (lain / laid) the foundation of the building.
- h) Is the dog (lying / laying) on the sofa again?
- i) Pilar gently (lain / laid) the blanket over the dynamite.
- j) Hemingway said, "Seven-eighths of the iceberg (lies / lays) below the surface of the water."
- k) The elevator started to (rise / raise) before I pushed the button for my floor.

2. For each of the following sentences, underline the correct form of rise or raise.

- a) Please pull out the rug when I (rise, raise) the table.
- b) The accident rate always (rises, raises) on holidays.
- c) Challah, or Jewish egg bread, (rises, raises) because it contains yeast.
- d) We will lose money unless we (rise, raise) the price.
- e) New car prices generally (rise, raise) in the spring.
- f) The Smiths protested when we (rose, raised) to leave.
- g) I (rose, raised) the mini blinds to let in the light.
- h) Our canoe drifted away when the tide (rose, raised).
- i) The tree roots have (rose, raised) the sidewalk several inches.
- j) Attendance has (raised, risen) this year.

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3. For each of the following sentences, underline the correct form of the verb given.

- a) Who has (sat, set) those books in the middle of the kitchen table?
- b) We can see Josh (raising, rising) his hand to answer the question.
- c) The detective has (lain, laid) a trap for the criminal.
- d) You cannot have (sat, set) there waiting for very long.
- e) Can that big crane (rise, raise) those concrete panels to the top floor?
- f) Dreaming of dancing with the ballet, Sandy (lay, laid) in the hammock.
- g) Bobby was (sitting, setting) at the desk doing his homework.
- h) On Memorial Day, we always (rise, raise) the flag to honour veterans.
- i) Why don't you (lay, lie) out the clothes you're going to wear tomorrow?
- j) Will everyone in the courtroom please (rise, raise)?