

## Lay vs. Lie

### **Rule:**

“**Lie**” means "to rest oneself down."

“**Lay**” means "to rest something else down."

“**Lay**” is also the past tense of "lie."

### **Examples:**

**Lie:** Because I have a headache, I will **lie** on the couch for two hours.

**Lay (past tense of lie):** Yesterday, because I had a headache, I **lay** on the couch.

**Lay:** I am going to **lay** the quilts onto your bed gently.

## Number vs. Amount

### **Rule:**

“**Number**” refers to a quantity of items you can count individually.

“**Amount**” refers to a quantity of items you count as a whole or in mass.

### **Examples:**

**Number:** I was impressed by the **number** of cookies Julie ate at the party.  
Counted Individually

**Amount:** I was impressed by the **amount** of whipped cream Julie ate at the party.  
Counted as a Whole

# If the word is wrong below, change it.

Steven forgot to lie his clothes out for school, and now he can't decide what to wear.

Steven forgot to lay his clothes out for school, and now he can't decide what to wear.

Macklemore can tell you the amount of giraffes living at each zoo in the country.

Macklemore can tell you the number of giraffes living at each zoo in the country.

Jorge is going to lay in the meadow and take a nap.

Jorge is going to lie in the meadow and take a nap.



If the word is wrong below, change it.

I was astonished by the number of mail Matthew Perry gets from his pen pals!

I was astonished by the amount of mail Matthew Perry gets from his pen pals!

Alfredo scampered away from the giant rabbit and lie down in the tall grass to hide.

Alfredo scampered away from the giant rabbit and lay down in the tall grass to hide.

