More Practice on Lie and Lay & Others

This exercise will test your knowledge of those six most troublesome irregular verbs: lie and lay, sit, and set, rise and raise. Remember that lie, sit, and rise are intransitive. Lay, set, and raise are transitive and take an object.

Write the correct form or tense of the verb on the line.

1. The proposal we (lie, lay) ___________ out has (lie, lay) ___________ in his basket for two days.

2. The machinist had (lie, lay) ___________ the parts in the basket before he (sit, set) ___________ at his machine.

3. (Set, Sit) ___________ down while I (set, sit) ___________ this matter before you.

4. Many questions were (rise, raise) ___________ by the new employees as they (sit, set) ___________ in the orientation session.

5. The auditor (rise, raise) ___________ and (rise, raise) ___________ a question.

6. Once we had (sit, set) ___________ the ground rules, we couldn't afford to (sit, set) ___________ still very long.

7. The decision to (rise, raise) ___________ prices again was made by the marketing department, in spite of the fact that they had been (rise, raise) ___________ 10% last year.

8. Keep (lie, lay) ___________ plans for the future.

9. Through his own hard work he (rise, raise) ___________ to a position of responsibility.

10. (Lie, Lay) ___________ the books on the table and (sit, set) down while we talk.