Grammar: Commonly Confused and Misused Words Name

English II pre-honors Period Date

Lie/lay, Rise/Raise

Here is a chart showing how these confusing words are conjugated:

Present Tense Past Tense Past Participle Present Participle

tell an untruth lie lied (have) lied (is) lying

to place smt. lay laid (have) laid (is) laying

(w/object)

to recline, to rest lie lay (have) lain (is) lying

to go up, get up rise rose (have) risen (is) rising

to lift smt. raise raised (have) raised (is) raising

(w/object)

A. Two of the following uses of “laid” are CORRECT. The rest are wrong. Correct each wrong one.

1. We laid there ready for the freight train to pull up.
2. I had just laid down to take a nap because I hadn’t been sleeping well at that time.
3. She wrapped her arms round the extra pillow that laid beside her.
4. She laid there and watched the others pass by like ghosts.
5. The old woman brought her children to her and laid the newborn at her side.
6. I awoke early, went outside, and laid on the cold pavement.
7. I closed the notebook and laid my head down onto my arms.
8. Exhausted, he had laid on the uncomfortable bunk for several hours without moving.

B. **Lie or Lay**: Circle the correct letter answer to fill in the blank.

9. Holden had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about his age to order alcohol. a. lay b. lie

10. His friend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about his age as well. a. lied b. laid

11. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his suitcases under the bed. a. lay b. lie

12. Then he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his shoes next to the suitcases. a. lay b. lie

13. When he is done, he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the bed. a. lay b. lie

14. Upon arrival, everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their phones on their desks. a. lay b. laid

15. The many textbooks \_\_\_\_\_\_ on top of each other. a. lay b. laid

16. He had \_\_\_\_\_\_ next to portable heater to get warm. a. laid b. lain

17. They have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the cold floor many times. a. laid b. lain

18. He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his weary head on his sister’s shoulder. a. lying b. laying

19. After I had \_\_\_\_\_\_ the blanket over him, he opened his eyes. a. laid b. lain

20. He kept \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the cold floor, unable to move. a. laying b. lying

C. **Rise or Raise**: Circle the correct letter answer to fill in the blank.

21. Please \_\_\_\_ your hand if you know the answer to the question. a. raise b. rise

22. The sun \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ late in the winter. a. raises b. rises

23. Please \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sing your National Anthem. a. raise b. rise

24. My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me after my parents died. a. raised b. rose

25. Upon hearing the good news, our hopes \_\_\_\_\_\_. a. raised b. rose

26. They have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ six hundred dollars by selling candy. a. raised b. risen

27. Now, they \_\_\_\_\_\_ the price of gasoline as well. a. raised b. rose

28. The price of gold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every day. a. raises b. rises

29. At the moment, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ corn. a. raises b. rises

30. Right now mist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the water. a. is raising b. is rising

31. Last week, you \_\_\_\_\_\_ a difficult question. a. raised b. rose

32. The temperature \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the moment. a. raises b. rises

33. When he \_\_\_\_\_\_ his hat, I did the same. a. raised b. rose

34. The water level \_\_\_\_\_\_ last week. a. raised b. rose

35. The price of housing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now. a. is raising b. is rising

36. An excellent grade on the test \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his spirits. a. raised b. rose

D. **Writing**: Write 2-3 sentences using at least THREE different PAST TENSE forms of the misused verbs LIE, LAY, RISE, or RAISE.