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.