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Now let's look at the conjugation.

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lie (to recline)	lay	lying	lain
lie (to speak untruth)	lied	lying	lied
lay	laid	laying	laid

Examples: The man

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Choose the correct form of the verb to complete each of the following sentences.

- 1) Grandpa asked me to _____ the newspaper.
- 2) Ostriches can _____ eggs.
- 3) Rebecca _____ her bag on the floor.
- 4) Susan gently _____ her hair.
- 5) The toys _____ scattered around Penny's room.
- 6) Ruth had _____ lazily on her couch, before the kids returned.
- 7) Taos is _____ his books on the desk.
- 8) The true beauty of the valley _____ along the cliffs.

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