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Main Entry: ˈlie
Pronunciation: \ˈlī\
Function: intransitive verb
Inflected Form(s): lay ˈlā\; lain ˈlān\; ly·ing ˈlē-iŋ\
Etymology: Middle English, from Old English liegan; akin to Old High German ligen to lie, Latin lectus bed, Greek lechos
Date: before 12th century

1 a : to be or to stay at rest in a horizontal position : be prostrate : REST, RECLINE <lie motionless> <lie asleep>
b : to assume a horizontal position —often used with down
c archaic : to reside temporarily : stay for the night : LODGE
d : to have sexual intercourse —used with with e : to remain inactive (as in concealment) <lie in wait>

2 : to be in a helpless or defenseless state <the town lay at the mercy of the invaders>

3 of an inanimate thing : to be or remain in a flat or
horizontal position upon a broad support <books *lying* on the table>

4: to have direction: **EXTEND** <the route *lay* to the west>

5 a: to occupy a certain relative place or position <hills *lie* behind us> b: to have a place in relation to something else <the real reason *lies* deeper> c: to have an effect through mere presence, weight, or relative position <remorse *lay* heavily on him> d: to be sustainable or admissible

6: to remain at anchor or becalmed

7 a: to have place: **EXIST** <the choice *lay* between fighting or surrendering> b: **CONSIST, BELONG** <the success of the book *lies* in its direct style> <responsibility *lay* with the adults>

8: **REMAIN**; especially: to remain unused, unsought, or uncared for

**usage** see **LAY**

— **li·er** (ˌlīr) noun

— **lie low**

1: to lie prostrate, defeated, or disgraced

2: to stay in hiding: strive to avoid notice

3: to bide one's time: remain secretly ready for action

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