

I

1. [laɪ] *n*

## 1) ложь

- white lie - невинная ложь; ≅ ложь во спасение
- thumping lie - наглая ложь
- to tell a lie - солгать
- to tell lies - лгать, говорить неправду
- to act a lie - подвести, обмануть (*не прийти, не принести и т. п.*)
- what a pack of lies! - ≅ выдумки с начала до конца!; здесь нет ни слова правды!
- to live a lie - ≅ вести двойную жизнь
- to give the lie to smb. - уличить кого-л. во лжи

## 2) обман, ложное верование, ошибочное убеждение

- to maintain a lie - утверждать /поддерживать/ что-л. неверное /ошибочное/
- to give the lie to smth. - показать ложность чего-л.; опровергнуть что-л.
- ◇ one lie makes /calls for/ many - *посл.* одна ложь тянет за собой другую; ≅ раз солгал, навек лгуном стал
- lies have short legs - *посл.* у лжи короткие ноги

2. [laɪ] *v* (*lied; pres. p. lying*)

## 1. лгать; солгать; обманывать

- you're lying! - вы лжёте /ты врешь! /
- he lied to his mother - он обманул мать /сказал матери неправду/

## 2. быть обманчивым

- this figures lie - эти цифры создают ложное впечатление

3. (*часто into, out of*) ложью добиться чего-л.

- to lie oneself into smth. - проникнуть куда-л. с помощью лжи
- to lie oneself out of smth. - выпутаться /выкарабкаться/ из какого-л. положения с помощью лжи; отовратиться от чего-л.
- ◇ to lie in one's throat /teeth/, to lie like a trooper - нагло /бесстыдно/ лгать
- to lie like a gas meter - ≅ врать как сивый мерин
- to lie away smb.'s reputation - оболгать кого-л., лишить кого-л. доброго имени

II

1. [laɪ] *n*

## 1. положение; расположение; направление

- the lie of the land - а) характер местности; б) положение вещей; в) *мор.* направление на берег
- the lie of the ground - рельеф местности
- the general lie and disposition of the boughs - общее расположение ветвей
- the lie of matters - положение дел, обстановка

## 2. логово, берлога; нора

2. [laɪ] *v* (*lay; lain; pres. p. lying*)

## 1. 1) лежать

- to lie still - лежать неподвижно
- to lie about /around/ - валяться, лежать в беспорядке; быть разбросанным (*о вещах*)

2) *спец.* ложиться

- to lie flat - *с.-х.* полежать (*о хлебах*)

## 3) расположиться, залечь, укрыться

- to lie for the night - *воен.* расположиться на ночлег
- to lie in ambush - *воен.* находиться в засаде
- to lie under cover - находиться в укрытии
- to lie in wait for smb. - поджидать /подстерегать/ кого-л.
- to lie low - притаиться, скрываться, выжидать

## 4) покоиться, быть погребённым

- here lies ... - здесь покоится прах ...

## 2. 1) быть расположенным

- Ireland lies to the west of England - Ирландия находится /расположена/ к западу от Англии

## 2) простирается

- to lie along smth. - простирается вдоль чего-л.
- to lie along the shore - *мор.* идти в виду берега
- the valley lay at our feet - у наших ног простиралась долина
- the world lies all before you - весь мир перед вами
- life lies in front of you - у вас ещё жизнь впереди

3. быть, сохраняться или оставаться (*в каком-л. положении или состоянии*)

- to lie sick - быть больным; лежать (*в постели*)
- to lie at anchor - стоять на якоре
- to lie in prison - сидеть в тюрьме
- to lie under an obligation - *юр.* быть обязанным, иметь обязательство
- to lie under an imputation - *юр.* быть обвинённым (*в чём-л.*)
- the money lay idle in the bank - деньги лежали в банке без движения
- the book lies open - книга открыта
- the town lay in ruins after the earthquake - город лежал в развалинах после землетрясения
- let it lie - оставьте как есть; не трогайте

4. 1) заключаться, быть (в чём-л.)  
 the trouble lies in the engine - вся беда в моторе  
 it lies with you to decide this question - этот вопрос должны решать вы  
 he knows where his interest lies - он знает, как ему выгоднее (поступить)  
 the choice lies between the two - выбирать нужно между этими двумя

- 2) (in) зависеть  
 as far as in me lies - насколько это от меня зависит  
 I will do all that lies in my power - я сделаю всё, что в моих силах

5. *арх.*  
 1) остановиться ненадолго, пробить некоторое время, переночевать  
 2) (with) *арх.* любить кого-л., спать с кем-л.  
 6. *юр.* быть или признаваться допустимым, законным  
 the appeal will not lie - апелляция не может быть принята  
 an appeal lies in this case - по этому делу может быть подана апелляция  
 no appeal lies against the decision - постановление суда обжалованию не подлежит  
 ◇ the blame lies at your door - это ваша вина  
 to find out how the land lies - выяснить /узнать/, как обстоят дела  
 to lie low - а) припасть к земле; лежать распростёртым б) *поэт.* быть мёртвым; лежать во прахе; в) быть униженным; г) притаиться выжидать  
 to lie out of one's money - не получить /не дожидаться/ причитающихся денег  
 to lie on the bed one has made - *посл.* ≅ что посеешь, то и пожнёшь

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• **lie** 1 [**lie** lies lay lain lying] verb, noun BrE [laɪ] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [laɪ] <sup>m</sup>  
 see also ↑lie <sup>2</sup>  
 verb (lies, lying, lay BrE [leɪ] <sup>m</sup>; NAmE [leɪ] <sup>m</sup> lain BrE [leɪn] <sup>m</sup>; NAmE [leɪn] <sup>m</sup>)

1. **intransitive** (of a person or an animal) to be or put yourself in a flat or horizontal position so that you are not standing or sitting
  - + **adv./prep.** to lie on your back/side/front
  - + **adj.** The cat was lying fast asleep by the fire.
2. **intransitive** (of a thing) to be or remain in a flat position on a surface
  - + **adv./prep.** Clothes were lying all over the floor.
  - + **adj.** The book lay open on his desk.
3. **intransitive** to be, remain or be kept in a particular state
  - + **adj.** Snow was lying thick on the ground.
  - These machines have lain idle since the factory closed.
  - + **adv./prep.** a ship lying at anchor
  - I'd rather use my money than leave it lying in the bank.
4. **intransitive + adv./prep.** (of a town, natural feature, etc.) to be located in a particular place
  - The town lies on the coast.
5. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to be spread out in a particular place
  - The valley lay below us.
6. **intransitive ~ (in sth)** (of ideas, qualities, problems, etc.) to exist or be found
  - The problem lies in deciding when to intervene
7. **intransitive** (BrE) to be in a particular position during a competition
  - + **adv./prep.** Thompson is lying in fourth place.
  - + **adj.** After five games the German team are lying second.

**compare** ↑lay  
**more at** you've made your bed and you must lie on it **at** ↑bed <sup>n.</sup>, be/lie at the bottom of sth **at** ↑bottom <sup>n.</sup>, hang/lie heavy **at** ↑heavy <sup>adv.</sup>, see, etc. how the land lies **at** ↑land <sup>n.</sup>, let sleeping dogs lie **at** ↑sleep <sup>v.</sup>

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Word Origin:  
 Old English licgan Germanic Dutch **liggen** German **liegen** Indo-European Greek **lektron** **lekhos** Latin **lectus** 'bed'

Thesaurus:  
**lie** **verb** I (usually used with an adverb or preposition)  
 • A cat was lying in the sun.

lie down • • sprawl • • lounge • • bask • |formal recline •  
lie/lie down/sprawl **on your back/side/front**

### Example Bank:

- A man lay dead in the middle of the road.
- He just lay there smiling.
- He was lying down on the bed.
- He was lying face down in the mud.
- I used to lie awake at night worrying about it.
- I was lying flat on the floor.
- Lie face up with your feet on the floor.
- Lie still while I put the bandage on.
- She lay on her stomach.
- She lay sprawled on the sofa.
- She likes to lie in bed all day.
- She was still lying naked on the bed.
- The answer seems to lie elsewhere.
- The big difference between them lies in their attitudes.
- The blame lies with your parents.
- We must be prepared for whatever lies ahead.
- She lay on her back and looked up at the sky.
- You could see from his face that he was lying.

Idioms: ↑lie in state ▪ ↑lie in store ▪ ↑lie in wait ▪ ↑lie low ▪ ↑lie of the land ▪ ↑take something lying down

Derived ↑lie around ▪ ↑lie back ▪ ↑lie behind something ▪ ↑lie down ▪ ↑lie in ▪ ↑lie with somebody

noun

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See also: ↑lay of the land ▪ ↑lie about ▪ ↑sleep in

• **lie** 2 [lie lies lied lying] verb, noun BrE [laɪ] <sup>u</sup> NAmE [laɪ] <sup>u</sup>  
**see also** ↑lie 1

verb (lies, lying, lied, lied) intransitive

to say or write sth that you know is not true

- You could see from his face that he was lying.
- ~ (to sb) (about sth) Don't lie to me!
- She lies about her age.
- The camera cannot lie (= give a false impression).

**see also** ↑liar

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### Example Bank:

- Don't lie to me.
- He was unable to lie convincingly.

Idioms: ↑tell a lie ▪ ↑give the lie to something ▪ ↑lie through your teeth ▪ ↑lie your way out of something

noun

a statement made by sb knowing that it is not true

- to **tell a lie**
- The whole story is nothing but **a pack of lies**.
- a **barefaced lie** (= a lie that is deliberate and shocking)

**see also** ↑white lie

Thesaurus:

lie noun C

• The story is a pack of lies.

story • • nonsense • • fiction • |informal fib • |BrE, informal, disapproving rubbish • |especially AmE, informal, disapproving garbage • |formal fabrication • • falsehood • |law perjury • |taboo, slang, disapproving bullshit •

(a) complete lie/nonsense/fiction/rubbish/garbage/fabrication/falsehood/bullshit

tell (sb) a lie/story/fib/falsehood

believe a lie/a story/that nonsense/a fiction/that rubbish/that garbage/that bullshit

Example Bank:

- He lived a lie for thirty years, 'married' to two women.
- He lived a lie for thirty years, pretending to be the faithful husband of two different women living in two different towns.
- He told a big fat lie!
- He told a whopping great lie!
- How could she swallow such a blatant lie?
- That's a downright lie!
- That's a lie— I never said that!
- a web of elaborate lies
- As usual, the party's leaflet is full of barefaced lies.
- I couldn't tell her a lie.
- The whole story is nothing but a pack of lies.
- What's the harm in telling a little white lie?

lie

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I. lie<sup>1</sup> S2 W1 /laɪ/ BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> verb (past tense lay /leɪ/, past participle lain /leɪn/, present participle lying, third person singular lies)

1. FLAT POSITION

a) [intransitive] to be in a position in which your body is flat on the floor, on a bed etc

lie on/in etc

- He was lying on the bed smoking a cigarette.
- Don't lie in the sun for too long.

lie there

- For a few minutes he just lay there.

lie still/awake etc

- She would lie awake worrying.
- The dog was lying dead on the floor.

b) (also lie down) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to put yourself in a position in which your body is flat on the floor or on a bed

lie on

- Lie flat on the floor.

lie back

- She lay back against the pillows.

c) [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to be in a flat position on a surface

lie on/in etc

- The papers were lying neatly on his desk.

2. EXIST [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if a problem, an answer, blame etc lies somewhere, it is caused by, exists, or can be found in that thing, person, or situation

fault/blame/responsibility lies with somebody

- Part of the blame must lie with social services.

the problem/answer etc lies with/in something

- The difficulty lies in providing sufficient evidence.
- The strength of the book lies in the fact that the material is from classroom experience.

herein/therein lies the problem/dilemma etc

- And herein lies the key to their achievements.

3. PLACE [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if a town, village, etc lies in a particular place, it is in that place:

- The town lies in a small wooded valley.
- The Tasman Sea lies between Tasmania and Australia.

4. FUTURE [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] if something lies ahead of you, lies in the future etc, it is going to happen to you in the future

lie ahead

- How will we cope with the difficulties that lie ahead?

lie before

- A blank and empty future lay before me.
- I was wondering what lay in store for us.

5. CONDITION [linking verb] to be in a particular state or condition

lie empty/open/hidden etc

- The book lay open on the table.

The town now **lay** in ruins.

6. **lie at the heart/centre/root of something** to be the most important part of something, especially the main cause of it:

the issue that lies at the heart of the present conflict

7. **lie low**

a) to remain hidden because someone is trying to find you or catch you:

We'll have to lie low until tonight.

b) to wait and try not to be noticed by anyone:

He decided to lie low for a while after the report came out.

8. **lie in wait (for somebody)**

a) to remain hidden in a place and wait for someone so that you can attack them:

a giant crocodile lying in wait for its prey

b) if something bad lies in wait for you, it is going to happen to you

9. **lie (in) second/third/fourth etc (place)** *British English* to be in second, third etc position in a competition:

Liverpool are lying third in the football championship.

10. **lie heavy on somebody** *formal* if something lies heavy on you, it makes you feel unhappy:

The feelings of guilt lay heavy on him.

11. **DEAD PERSON** [*intransitive always + adverb/preposition*] if someone lies in a particular place, they are buried there:

Here lies Percival Smythe (=written on a gravestone).

12. **lie in state** if an important person who has died lies in state, their body is put in a public place so that people can go and look at the body in order to show their respect for that person

⇒ **let sleeping dogs lie** at ↑sleep<sup>1</sup>(6)

**lie around** (also **lie about** *British English*) *phrasal verb*

1. **lie around (something)** if something is lying around, it has been left somewhere in an untidy way, rather than being in its proper place:

If you leave your shoes lying around like that, you'll trip over them.

Papers and books lay around the room in complete chaos.

2. if you lie around, you spend time lying down and not doing anything:

I felt so lazy just lying around on the beach all day.

**lie behind something** *phrasal verb*

if something lies behind an action, it is the real reason for the action even though it may be hidden:

She soon guessed what lay behind his question.

Two basic assumptions lay behind the policy.

**lie down** *phrasal verb*

1. to put yourself in a position in which your body is flat on the floor or on a bed:

Just lie down on the bed.

2. **take something lying down** *informal* to accept bad treatment without complaining:

I'm not going to take this lying down!

**lie in** *phrasal verb British English*

to remain in bed in the morning for longer than usual ⇒ ↑lie-in

**lie up** *phrasal verb British English*

to hide or rest somewhere for a period of time:

The next day they lay up in a cave.

II. **lie**<sup>2</sup> **S3 W3 BrE** **AmE** *verb* (past tense and past participle **lied**, present participle **lying**, third person singular **lies**) [*intransitive*]

1. to deliberately tell someone something that is not true:

I could tell from her face that she was lying.

**lie to**

I would never lie to you.

**lie about**

She lied about her age.

**lie through your teeth** (=say something that is completely untrue)

2. if a picture, account etc lies, it does not show the true facts or the true situation:

Statistics can often lie.

The camera never lies.

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## THESAURUS

• **lie/tell a lie** to deliberately tell someone something that is not true: She had lied to protect her son. | Are you accusing me of telling lies?

• **fib** *verb* [*intransitive*] *informal* to lie, especially about something that is not very important – used especially by children: Dan's fibbing. I didn't hit him.

• **make something up/invent something** to invent a story, explanation etc in order to deceive someone: I didn't want to go so I made up an excuse and said I was busy. | He invented the tale to prevent his parents from finding out the truth.

• **mislead** *verb* [*transitive*] to make someone believe something that is not true by giving them false or incomplete information: The government misled the public over the war.

• **be economical with the truth** to only tell someone part of the truth – often used when saying indirectly that someone is lying: He admitted that he had perhaps been economical with the truth.

• **perjure yourself/commit perjury** to tell a lie in a court of law: He had perjured himself in court. | Witnesses will be prosecuted if they commit perjury.

III. **lie**<sup>3</sup> **S3 BrE** **AmE** *noun*

[Word Family: noun: ↑liar, ↑lie; verb: lie; adjective: lying]

1. [countable] something that you say or write that you know is untrue:  
I always know when he's telling lies.

lie about

I knew that soon she would hear the lies about me.

2. give the lie to something formal to show that something is untrue:  
This report gives the lie to the company's claims.

3. the lie of the land

a) the way that a situation is developing at a particular time:

I'll talk to him and get the lie of the land before we go over.

b) the way an area of land has been formed and the physical features it has

4. (!) tell a lie British English spoken used when you realize that something you have just said is not correct:  
It was £25, no, tell a lie, £35.

⇒ live a lie at ↑live<sup>1</sup>(16)

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- tell (somebody) a lie He got into trouble for telling a lie.
- believe a lie How could you believe his lies?
- spread lies (=tell them to a lot of people) How dare you spread such vicious lies?

adjectives

- a complete/total/outright lie (=something that is completely untrue) Of course the whole thing was a complete lie. | She didn't want to tell her mother an outright lie.
- a white lie (=a small lie that you tell someone for good reasons, for example to avoid hurting their feelings) We all have to tell white lies sometimes.
- a downright lie (=used when something is a clearly a lie, especially when you feel annoyed) That's a downright lie. I never said any such thing!
- a vicious lie (=one that is very unkind and very untrue) He told the court that it was a vicious lie from beginning to end.
- a blatant lie (=an obvious lie) He felt sure Adams was not convinced by such blatant lies.
- a barefaced lie British English, a bald-faced lie American English (=an obvious lie that is told with no sense of shame) How can you stand there and tell me such a barefaced lie?
- an elaborate lie Her parents didn't realise that it was all an elaborate lie.
- a big lie The lawyer said it was a 'big lie' that Jones had not received the message.

phrases

- a pack of lies informal (also a tissue of lies British English formal) (=a lot of lies) Everything he had told me was a pack of lies.

COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say 'say a lie'. Say tell a lie.

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THESAURUS

- lie noun [countable] something you say or write that you know is untrue: Would you tell lies to protect a friend? | The allegation is a complete lie.
- white lie noun [countable] informal a lie that you tell to avoid upsetting someone: We all tell white lies sometimes.
- fib noun [countable] informal a lie, especially about something that is not very important – used especially by children: Have you been telling fibs?
- porky noun [countable usually plural] British English informal a lie – a very informal use: He's been telling porkies again.
- falsehood noun [countable] formal a statement that is not true, especially one that is intended to give people the wrong idea about someone or something: He described the allegations as malicious falsehoods.
- untruth noun [countable] formal a lie – used especially when you want to avoid saying the word lie: Some workers go off and tell untruths about the organisations for which they are working.
- fabrication noun [uncountable and countable] formal a story or claim that someone has invented in order to deceive someone, or the act of doing this: The claim was described as a fabrication by the police prosecutor. | He dismissed the charges as pure fabrication.
- libel noun [uncountable] law the crime of writing lies that could make people have a bad opinion of someone, especially in a newspaper or magazine: She sued the newspaper for libel. | libel laws
- slander noun [uncountable and countable] law the crime of speaking lies that could make people have a bad opinion of someone, or an untrue statement which does this: He's threatening to sue them for slander. | a slander on the good name of the company | Linking his name to terrorism was a slander.

lie

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