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Proofread this paragraph. Correct any mistakes.

I like to keep my room very organized so I can find what I need. For instance, as soon as I come home from school, I lie my backpack on the floor by my chair. I take out the books I need for homework and lie those on top of the desk. My hamster’s cage is on the right side of my desk. I always greet Hammy and pet him, but he usually just lays there. He’s not very exciting. All he does is lie one piece of cedar shavings on top of another. When I finish my homework, I lie the paper on the left side of my desk for my mom to review. Before I lay down at night, I make sure everything is put away in its correct place. My clothes are organized by color, and my books are arranged alphabetically on the shelves. I even lie my glasses in the same place so I can find them in the morning. My friends tell me I should just lay back and relax at home, but I prefer to keep things neat.

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Present Tense	I lie down when I’m tired.	I lay my books on the table.
Past Tense	Yesterday, I lay down for a while.	I know I laid them there yesterday.

Write the correct past tense form of lie or lay to complete each sentence.

1. Yesterday I _____ under the willow tree and read a book.
2. I _____ a bottle of water and a blanket beside me.
3. My dog Cooper came outside and _____ down beside me.
4. He _____ her bone at my feet.
5. As we _____ there, it grew cooler.
6. I picked up the blanket from where I _____ it and covered us both.
7. Cooper _____ under the blanket and cuddled next to me.
8. After an hour, I _____ my book on the ground and went to sleep.