

Kitty and Axel

Story Four

Kitty Lays an Egg

It's a beautiful morning, a slight breeze, the promise of a clear day. Axel and Kitty are at the gate and have been for an hour or so. Nothing has happened.

Kitty: I'm going in to lay down.

Axel: You're not going in to lay down. You're going to lie down.

K: I'm tired. I want to lay down for a while.

A: Kitty, lay is a transitive verb. A hen lays an egg, you lie down.

K: But I don't want to lay an egg. I just want to lay down.

A: The verb is lie down. I'm going to lie down. Unless of course you're talking about yesterday, then you say, yesterday I lay down for a while.

K: I did, too. I lay down yesterday, and I'm going to lay down today, too.

A: Kitty, don't you get it? You're using the word wrong. Say this, I'm going to lie down now. Last week I lay down every day.

K: That's right. I did. Dogs sleep more than 16 hours every day. So we lay down a lot.

A: No you don't, I tell you. You lie down. Why do you think Carl says LIE DOWN KITTY?

K: He says it when I chew his socks.

A: You're impossible. You need to go to the tutoring center.

K: We've already been tutored.

A: That's absurd; it's neutered and it's for males only. We've been spayed.

K: I love to get sprayed. It's so much fun playing in the hose.

A: I need a nap.

K: Me, too.

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