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Raise and Rise

Present	Raise	Rise
Definition	to elevate something to a higher level or position	to get up or go to a higher position from a lower position
Past	raised	rose
Past Participle	raised	risen
Present Participle	raising	rising

Raise is defined as elevating something to a higher level or position.

- Present Tense
 - Is a transitive verb that takes action, which means it is doing something.
 - Example: I raise chickens on my farm.
 - Example: Students are encouraged to raise their hands during class.
- · Past Tense
 - o raise becomes raised in the past tense.
 - Example: The students **raised** some great questions in the lecture last week.
 - Example: Yesterday, my dad raised my car to change a flat tire.

Rise is defined as the process of getting up or going to a higher position.

- · Present Tense
 - Is an intransitive verb and **does not take action**, which means it is unmoving.
 - Example: I **rise** from my bed each morning.
 - Example: The tide will not **rise** until later.
 - Past Tense
 - rise becomes risen in the past tense and it includes the verbs "has", "have", and "had".
 - Example: My cousins have **risen** before 7:00 AM every morning since school started.
 - Example: The rooster had **risen** yesterday morning.



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Set and Sit

Present	Set	Sit
Definition	 to put something down fix (a price, value, or limit) on something prepare (a table) for a meal by placing cutlery, dishes, etc., on it in their proper places 	 a period of sitting serve as a member of a council, jury, or other official body. take (an examination) ride or keep one's seat on (a horse)
Past	set	sat
Past Participle	set	sat
Present Participle	setting	sitting

Set is defined as putting something down.

- · Present Tense
 - Is a transitive verb that takes action, which means it is doing something.
 - Example: I **set** my homework on the counter.
 - Example: Can you set the table for dinner?
 - Present Participle Example: I am setting her backpack on her desk.
- Past Tense
 - Set is also set in the past tense.
 - Example: The professor **set** the papers on the desks last week.
 - Example: When did you set the meeting time for?

Sit is defined as a a period of sitting or to ride or keep one's seat on.

- · Present Tense
 - Is an intransitive verb and **does not take action**, which means it is unmoving.
 - Example: She always **sits** by the window.
 - Example: All we could do was sit and wait.
 - Present Participle Example: Thomas had been cat-sitting for me.
- Past Tense
 - Sit becomes sat in the past tense.
 - Example: The red uniform **sat** well on his small frame.
 - Example: I sat next to him at dinner.



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