CONFUSING VERBS

A few verb forms in English are simply confusing. Below are some sentences with the most common of these. **Underline** the correct form for each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Please (sit, set) here beside me.

1. Steam (raised, rose) from the boiling pot.
2. At three o’clock yesterday I (laid, lay) down for a short nap.
3. Maria had (rose, risen) to the occasion magnificently.
4. Food prices have been (raising, rising) again this month.
5. We are (lying, laying) heavy plastic over fresh cement.
6. The furnishings had (laid, lain) in storage too long.
7. The two cats normally (lie, lay) on the couch and sleep.
8. The child (sits, sets) in his chair quietly.
9. I (laid, lay) the baby in her crib.
10. For nearly a month Herbert (lay, laid) in a coma.
11. Tempers were (rising, raising) all around the conference table.
12. Are our guests (sitting, setting) in their proper places?
13. The rake is (laying, lying) across the sidewalk.
14. The animal had (set, sat) for an hour without moving.
15. In his ignorance, the amateur had been (laying, lying) the tile in crooked rows.
16. The Bible has (laid, lain) in the same place for fifty years.
17. He was (sitting, setting) the bottles in a row across the shelf.
18. How long has the poor fellow been (laying, lying) there unconscious?
19. Gene (lay, laid) there quietly and watched our efforts to build a fire.
20. The unclaimed parcels (set, sat) there month after month.