

USING SIT AND SET

The verb **sit** means "to rest with the legs bent and the back upright," but there are many other related meanings. It is an intransitive verb, meaning that it does not have a direct object.

The verb **set** means "to put or place something." It is a transitive verb, meaning that it has a direct object, usually.

The principal parts of the two verbs are as follows:

| Present | Past | Past Participle |
|----------------|-------------|------------------------|
| sit | sat | sat |
| set | set | set |

Using Sit and Set Correctly. In the following sentences, underline the correct form of sit or set.

Example: (Sit, Set) the plate on the table.

1. (Sit, Set) down and rest while you have a chance.
2. The boat (sit, set) sail into the West.
3. After being away from home so long, I had forgotten how to (sit, set) the table.
4. I find it relaxing to (sit, set) in a rocking chair.
5. (Sit, Set) aside some time for studying.
6. After (sitting, setting) down to watch TV, Joe fell asleep.
7. After (sitting, setting) up all night on the bus, Mrs. Clark is exhausted.
8. I know you'll do good work if you (sit, set) your mind to it.
9. She asked me to (sit, set) down and talk with her.
10. Don't you ever get tired of just (sitting, setting) around?
11. Have you (sit, set) the date for the picnic?
12. Mr. Gillis hasn't had time to (sit, set) down all day.
13. I hope that my decision will (sit, set) your mind at rest.
14. (Sitting, Setting) by the campfire, Bob soon became too warm.
15. The former Prime Minister now (sits, sets) in the house of Lords.
16. Have you ever (sat, set) to have your portrait painted?
17. My sister (set, sat) the school record for cross-country running.
18. Amos is tired of (sitting, setting) on the sidelines.
19. The jeweler (sat, set) the price of the diamond at five hundred dollars.
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