



# Tuesday's Tip

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## Website Grammar Girl

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Part of the Quick and Dirty Tips website is a popular feature called [Grammar Girl](#). It's perfect for a simple answer to some nagging grammatical problem. Check out all the other neat features as well!

The screenshot shows the Grammar Girl website. At the top left is the 'Quick AND Dirty Tips' logo with the tagline 'Helping you do things better.' The navigation bar includes categories like 'Writing & Education', 'Money', 'Career & Work', 'Lifestyle', 'Health', 'Pets', 'All Our Experts', and 'QDT Blog'. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area features a cartoon character of a woman with glasses and a ponytail, holding books. The title of the article is 'How to Avoid a Common Comma Error: The Comma Splice', dated June 13, 2013. Below the title is a video player with a progress bar at 00:30 / 11:55. A 'Listen or Read' button is visible. To the right, there's a 'Have a Question or Tip for Us?' section and a video player showing a 'Now playing' video titled 'Grammar Girl 35 - Lightning vs Lightnig'. Below the video player is a 'FROM THE STORE' section with a 'SMART TALK' graphic and the text 'Your guide to success'. At the bottom left, there's a 'SUBSCRIBE' section for the free newsletter and a 'TOP 5 TIPS' section with the first tip being 'Affect Versus Effect'. Social media sharing buttons for +1, 1.6k, and Facebook Like are also present.



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## Lay Versus Lie

Episode 37: December 17, 2009

[Word Choice](#)



by [Mignon Fogarty](#)

Today's topic is *lay* versus *lie*.

### *Lay Versus Lie*

First, we'll do the easy part, which is the present tense.

If you exclude the meaning "to tell an untruth" and just focus on the setting/reclining meaning of *lay* and *lie*, then the important distinction is that *lay* requires a direct object and *lie* does not. So you lie down on the sofa (no direct object), but you lay the book down on the table (the book is the direct object).

This is in the present tense, where you are talking about doing something now: you lie down on the sofa, and you lay down a book.

There are a bunch of ways to remember this part.

### How to Remember the Difference

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