Transitive / Intransitive Verbs

Transitive

Transitive verbs always take an object.

to lay

I lay the book down on the table each day. (verb--lay; object--the book)
I laid the book down on the table yesterday.
I have laid the book down on the table every time I've come in the door.

to raise

I always raise the blinds as soon as I get here. (verb--raise; object--blinds)
I raised the blinds at 8:00 a.m. yesterday.
I raised the blinds at 8:00 a.m. every morning this week.

to set

I always set that vase down very carefully. (verb--set; object--vase)
I set the vase down carefully last time. (verb--set; object--vase)
You must have set it down carefully, too. (verb--set; object--it)

Intransitive

Intransitive verbs never take an object.

to lie

Each day at 3:00 p.m., I lie down to take a nap.
Yesterday, however, I lay down at 3:30 p.m.
I would have lain down longer if I had arrived home earlier.

to rise

The sun rises later in the winter.
She rises from her chair with difficulty.
She rose from her chair.
The sun rose at 4:47 a.m. yesterday.
The sun has risen later each day since the summer solstice.

to sit

I sit in the same seat each day.
I sat here last term, too.
I'd have sat here the term before if someone hadn't taken my seat.