

April 30

Usually I ^(sit) **lie** down at around 11, but yesterday I decided to ^(sit) **lie** down about 30 minutes earlier. I tried to ^(sit) **lie** down in my bed earlier than when I usually ^(sit) **lie** down to go to bed, to see if I would have less trouble getting up out of bed the next morning. Unfortunately, it didn't work. In second period, I almost gave up. I was about to lay my head on my desk in defeat when Dan and I found out that for the bridge lab in science class, we would have to build an arch bridge. I kept forcing myself to be in a positive attitude, so that Dan wouldn't give up, with me following him. (We can't ^(sit) **lie** down on this job.) I could lie, saying that building such a constructively flawed bridge would make us the best constructors in the class. I am scared about our grade being based on how it is built, not how it stands or withstands more weight.

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