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can't stand  
cost  
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# Stative Verbs Practice

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ of going on holiday next month. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you) we should go? (think)
2. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ the soup. I'm sure it \_\_\_\_\_ very good. (taste)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ at the book now. It \_\_\_\_\_ interesting. (look)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (he) the tomatoes now? How much \_\_\_\_\_ (they)? (weigh)
5. Our friends \_\_\_\_\_ a new swimming pool. They \_\_\_\_\_ a pool party this Sunday. (have)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (those boys / smile) at us? \_\_\_\_\_ (we / know) them?
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) this summer holiday! I \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) it to end.
3. On annual *White Nights*, many museums and lots of shops \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) open all night.
4. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (let) me use the car tomorrow.
5. How much \_\_\_\_\_ (your dog / weigh)?
6. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ (know) where the new cinema \_\_\_\_\_ (be).
7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (this laptop / belong) to Jack?  
B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) it \_\_\_\_\_ (belong) to Debbie.
8. A: Bill usually \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) his work.  
B: Yes, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not enjoy) it now because he's got too much to do.
9. A: Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / taste) the milk?  
B: Because it \_\_\_\_\_ (smell) rather strange. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / want) to taste it?
10. A: Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to her boyfriend on the phone at the moment.  
B: I can tell. She \_\_\_\_\_ (look) very excited.
11. David \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about getting the job.
12. Please be quiet. You \_\_\_\_\_ (be) too much noisy!
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) that you are wrong.
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# Stative Verbs Use

Most stative or state verbs refer to a state rather than action. Stative verbs are verbs which we use in the Present Simple, even if they are happening now. Example: *Now, I know the answer!*

However, in situations where they refer to an action which is taking place at that moment, we use the Present Continuous tense.

Examples: *I think that coffee is great* (= have an opinion)  
*I'm thinking about my next holiday.* (= have in my head)

Certain stative verbs change their meaning when they are used in the Present Continuous.

Examples: *I'm seeing Tom tomorrow.* (= meet)  
*I see what you mean.* (= understand)

Sometimes stative verbs are used in the present continuous to emphasize change or development. This use is informal.

Example: *You are being very naughty, Tom! Behave yourself!*

There are three main categories of stative verbs (feelings, thoughts and senses) and two small categories (possession and measurement). Complete the charts below with the right stative verbs from the box on the left according to their categories.

## Thoughts:

agree / disagree  
believe  
doubt  
feel  
guess  
hope  
know  
look  
matter  
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## Feelings:

can't stand  
dislike / like  
enjoy  
fancy  
hate  
love  
not mind  
prefer  
want

## Senses:

appear  
feel  
hear  
look  
see  
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sound  
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## Measurement:

cost  
fit  
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weigh

## Possession:

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have  
lack  
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owe  
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**More Stative Verbs:** adore, astonish, bet (opinion), contain, concern, consist of, decide, deny, deserve, desire, detest, imagine, impress, include, involve, please, promise, recognise, remain, require, resemble, satisfy, surprise, suspect...

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# Stative Verbs Practice

Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or the Present Continuous. Decide if the verb refers to a state or an action.

- We **are thinking** of going on holiday next month.  
Where **do you think** (you) we should go? (think)
- Dad **is tasting** the soup. I'm sure it **tastes** very good. (taste)
- He **is looking** at the book now. It **looks** interesting. (look)
- Is he weighing** (he) the tomatoes now? How much **do they weigh** (they)? (weigh)
- Our friends **have** a new swimming pool. They **are having** a pool party this Sunday. (have)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- Why **are those boys smiling** (those boys / smile) at us?  
**Do you know** (we / know) them?
- I **am enjoying** (enjoy) this summer holiday! I **don't want** (not want) it to end.
- On annual White Nights, many museums and lots of shops **stay** (stay) open all night.
- My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (let) me use the car tomorrow.
- How much **does your dog weigh** (your dog / weigh)?
- Elizabeth **knows** (know) where the new cinema **is** (be).
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- A: Bill usually \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) his work.  
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**Do you want** (you / want) to taste it?
- A: Susan **is talking** (talk) to her boyfriend on the phone at the moment.  
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- I **am seeing** (see) Anne this afternoon at 5.
- We **are having** (have) an interesting conversation!