Non-continuous Verbs

- are conditions or situations that exist
- do not involve actions
- can't be progressive

categories	verbs	examples
MENTAL ACTIVITY AND ATTITUDES	**know, think, understand, recognize, remember, want, need, appreciate, feel (=think), appear**	He **understands** the problem **(correct)** He **is understanding** the problem **(wrong!)**
FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS	**love, like, hate, astonish, surprise, impress, please, amaze, adore, detest, enjoy, forgive, loathe**	I **hate** olives **(correct)** I**'m hating** olives **(wrong!)**
SENSES	**hear, see, sound, taste, feel, smell**	Your idea **sounds** nice **(correct)** Your idea **is sounding** nice **(wrong!)**
OPINION	**agree, believe, expect(= think), see(=understand), suppose, mean, prefer, seem,**	I **prefer** tea to coffee **(correct)** I**'m preferring** tea to coffee **(wrong!)**
POSSESSION	**have(= possess), belong, possess, own**	He **has** a sister **(correct)** He **is having** a sister **(wrong!)**
MEASURES	**measure, reach, cost, weigh, contain**	it **costs** 20$ **(correct)** It **is costing** 20$ **(wrong!)**

Some stative verbs have progressive forms but there is a difference in meaning

state	action
He **thinks** he's really clever (=he believes)	I**'m thinking** about his offer (I'm considering)
What does it **taste** like? (What is its flavour)	He **is tasting** the food to see if it's good (he is tasting the flavour)
He **has** two houses (he owns, possesses)	He**'s having** lunch (he is eating)
The silk shirt **feels** soft (it has a soft texture)	Ann **is feeling** the cat's fur (she is touching it)
Do you **see** what I mean? (do you understand)	I**'m seeing** Paula tonight (I'm meeting her)
Your perfume **smells** of apples (it has the smell)	She **is smelling** the roses (she is trying the smell of)
I **love/enjoy** good films (I like in general)	I**'m loving/enjoying** (I like specifically)
It **looks** as if it's going to rain (it appears)	He **is looking** at the painting (he is viewing it)
He **appears** to be working (he seems to be)	The opera singer **is appearing** on stage tonight (he will make an appearance)
The box is heavy. It **weighs a lot (its weight** is)	He **is weighing the potatoes** on the scales (he is finding out the weight of)
Bobby **is** naughty (his character is bad)	Suzy **is being** very naughty now (she is misbehaving)
These shoes **fit** me perfectly (they are the right size)	We **are fitting** a new carpet in the hall (laying)

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Task l . Choose the correct form

a. I _____(have) a great time.
b. She _____(have) plenty of money just now.
c. He _____ (appear) at the Fortune Theatre next week.
d. She _____(appear) to have a problem.
c. Why you _____(look) at me like that?
f. It _____(look) as if its going to rain.
g. I _____(see) what they are trying to say.
h. I _____(see) the manager this afternoon.
i. I _____(think) you are right.
j. What _____(you think) about?
k. I _____(feel)very tired today.
1. I _____(feel) she is making a mistake.

Task 2. Put the words into the correct form, <u>present continuous</u> or <u>present simple</u>.

1 . Are you hungry? _____ something to eat? (want)
2. Jill is interested in politics but she _____ to a political party. (not/belong)
3. Don't put the dictionary away! I _____ it. (use)
4. Don't put the dictionary away! I _____ it. (need)
5. Who is that man? What _____ (he/want)
6. Who is that man? Why _____ at us? (he/look)
7. George says he's 80 years old but nobody _____ him. (believe)
8. She told me her name but I _____ it now. (not /remember)
9. I _____of selling my car (think). Would you be interested in buying it?
10. I _____you should sell your car (think) You_____it very often. (not/use)
11. I used to drink a lot of coffee but these days I _____tea. (prefer)
12. Air_____ mainly of nitrogen and oxygen. (consist)

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