



**Stative verbs** express a permanent state rather than an action and do not have continuous forms. These are: **verbs of the senses** (used to express involuntary actions): **feel, hear, see, smell, taste** etc. *I **see** someone standing at the front door.* **Verbs of feelings and emotions**: **adore, detest, dislike, enjoy, forgive, hate, like** etc. *She really **enjoys** cooking for her friends.* **Verbs of opinion**: **agree, believe, suppose, understand** etc. *I **don't believe** he's coming.* **Other verbs**: **appear** (= seem), **belong, concern, contain, depend, fit** (= be the right shape and size for sth), **have** (= possess), **know, mean, owe, own, possess, need, prefer, require, want, weigh, wish, keep** (= continue), **seem** etc. *This skirt **fits** you perfectly.*

**Note:** **Feel** and **hurt** can be used in continuous or simple forms. *Ann **is feeling/feels** tired.* **Listen, look** and **watch** express deliberate actions and can be used in continuous forms. *They **are looking** at some pictures.*

Some **stative verbs** (be, love, see, smell, taste, think etc) have continuous forms but there is a difference in meaning.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I <b>see</b> exactly what you mean. (= I understand)</li> <li>● Peter <b>thinks</b> he knows everything. (= He believes)</li> <li>● They <b>have</b> a villa in Portugal. (= They own)</li> <li>● A baby's skin <b>feels</b> very smooth. (= It has a smooth texture)</li> <li>● This soup <b>tastes</b> of garlic. (= It has the taste of garlic)</li> <li>● The room <b>smells</b> of fresh flowers. (= It has the smell of)</li> <li>● Most people <b>love/enjoy</b> eating out. (= They like in general)</li> <li>● Peter <b>is</b> a difficult person to get on with. (= His character is difficult)</li> <li>● He <b>looks</b> as if he's going to faint. (= He appears)</li> <li>● The patient <b>appears</b> to be recovering. (= He seems to be)</li> <li>● Sam now <b>weighs</b> more than his father. (= His weight is greater)</li> <li>● My uniform <b>doesn't fit</b> me. (= It isn't the right size)...</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● She <b>is seeing</b> a lawyer tonight. (= She's meeting)</li> <li>● He <b>is thinking</b> of studying Law. (= He is considering)</li> <li>● He <b>is having</b> problems. (= He is experiencing)</li> <li>● He <b>is feeling</b> the engine to see how hot it is. (= He's touching)</li> <li>● Why are you <b>tasting</b> the curry? (= Why are you testing the flavour?)</li> <li>● Why <b>are you smelling</b> that meat? (= Why are you checking its smell?)</li> <li>● She <b>is loving/is enjoying</b> every minute of her holiday. (= She likes specifically)</li> <li>● Jane <b>is being</b> particularly generous this week. (= She is behaving generously)</li> <li>● They <b>are looking</b> at the photos. (= They are viewing)</li> <li>● Simply Red <b>are appearing</b> on stage next week. (= They are giving a performance)</li> <li>● The doctor <b>is weighing</b> the baby. (= She is finding out its weight)</li> <li>● We <b>are fitting</b> a new kitchen next week. (= installing)</li> </ul> |

Що таке **Stative Verbs** (Дієслова стану)?

Це слова, які описують те, що відбувається «всередині» нас або є постійним фактом. Вони зазвичай не вживаються у часах **Continuous**.

Відчуття: **feel** (відчувати), **see** (бачити), **hear** (чути).

Емоції: **love** (любити), **hate** (ненавидіти), **enjoy** (насолюджуватися).

Думки/Погляди: **believe** (вірити), **know** (знати), **understand** (розуміти).

Володіння/Інше: **have** (мати), **belong** (належати), **cost** (коштувати), **weigh** (важити)

## Важливі примітки

**Feel та Hurt:** Ці два слова — виняток. Їх можна вживати і так, і так без великої різниці в значенні: I feel sick або I am feeling sick.

**Enjoy:** Зазвичай це стан (I enjoy films), але якщо ви на вечірці і вам «кайфово» саме зараз, можна сказати: I'm enjoying this party.

**Fit:** Якщо одяг підходить за розміром — це стан (The suit fits me). Якщо ви щось встановлюєте (монтуйте) — це дія (They are fitting a new door).



## Fill in with Present Simple or Continuous.

1 A: I *am seeing* (see) an old friend tonight.

B: I  (see) – so you won't be able to meet me after work, will you?

2 A: Why  (you/smell) the milk?

B: It  (smell) a bit strange. I think it might have gone off.

3 A:  (you/enjoy) reading Jane Austen's novels?

B: Not usually, but I  (enjoy) this particular one.

4 A: Why  (John/be) so bad-tempered today?

B: I don't know. He  (be) usually so easy to get on with.

5 A: Carol and I  (think) of getting married.

B:  (you/think) that's a good idea? You haven't known each other for very long.

6 A:  (you/have) the phone number of a good business consultant?

B: Why?  (you/have) problems at work?

7 A:  (the singer/appear) tonight?

B: Unfortunately not. She  (appear) to have lost her voice.

8 A: Why  (you/taste) the lemonade?

B: It  (taste) a little bitter. I think I'll add some more sugar.

9 A: I hear the Fords  (look) for a bigger house.

B: Yes, it  (look) as if they are going to move.

10 A: How much  (the parcel/weigh)?

B: I'm not sure. The assistant  (weigh) it at the moment.