

DYNAMIC VERBS vs STATIVE

DYNAMIC VERBS describe things that happen within a limited time, things which have a definite beginning and end. They can be used in the simple and perfect as well as the continuous or progressive forms.

STATIVE VERBS usually refer to a state or condition which is quite static or unchanging. They can be divided into verbs of perception or cognition (which refer to things in the mind), or verbs of relation (which describe the relationships between things).

Examples of dynamic verbs:

- eat
- walk
- learn
- grow
- sleep
- talk
- write
- run
- read
- become
- go



Examples of stative verbs:

- have (meaning "own")
- consist
- believe
- think (meaning "have an opinion")
- disagree
- mind (meaning "care about")
- hate
- adore
- wish
- taste
- cost



STATIVE vs ACTIVE VERBS

- *Choose the best answers.*

- 1. Right now, my brother ... TV in the living room.**
 - a) watches
 - b) is watching
- 2. Ardis is very busy. She ... lots of homework.**
 - a) has
 - b) is having
- 3. I'm hungry! I ... to eat lunch at the cafeteria.**
 - a) want
 - b) am wanting
- 4. ... they ... the story about the space aliens?**
 - a) Do / believe
 - b) Are / believing

5. **They worked hard and saved their money and now they ... their home.**
a) own
b) are owning
6. **I was bored, so now I ... the dictionary!**
a) read
b) am reading
7. **My sister lives in New York. She ... New York a lot.**
a) likes
b) is liking
8. **It's a beautiful day today. It's sunny and the birds**
a) sing
b) are singing
9. **(A) What's Tom doing?**
(B) He ... the food you cooked.
a) tastes
b) is tasting
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- 10. The kids are outside. They ... in the snow.**
a) play
b) are playing
- 11. Thank you for the flowers. I'm ... them right now.**
a) smell
b) smelling
- 12. (A) Can you remember his name?
(B) No, I ... his name.**
a) forget
b) am forgetting
- 13. (A) Do you like the food?
(B) Yes, it ... wonderful!**
a) tastes
b) is tasting
- 14. It's eight o'clock and I ... to work.
I hope I can arrive on time.**
a) drive
b) am driving

- 15. Most cats don't like to swim. In fact, they ... the water.**
a) hate
b) are hating
- 16. Did you buy new perfume? It ... really nice.**
a) smells
b) is smelling
- 17. Kevin is tired after the long flight. He ... on the sofa.**
a) sleeps
b) is sleeping
- 18. Roberto ... a large family: three sisters and two brothers.**
a) has
b) is having

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- They **don't understand\aren't understanding** French students in the class.
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III. Complete the sentences with present simple or present continuous forms:

- My aunt _____ (cook) turkey for dinner at the moment.
- We _____ (not understand) why she left the party.
- Look at Tony. He _____ (rollerblade) really fast! Be careful, Tony!
- Let's go to Rome next vacation. I _____ (love) its old buildings and friendly people.
- My parents are at the grocery shop now because they _____ (need) some beans and canned meat for our hiking trip to mountains.
- Do you _____ (know) where the nearest metro station is?
- She _____ (want) to buy this cookery book.
- My granny _____ (water) the plants twice a week.

Complete the sentences with present continuous or present simple

(be careful of the stative verbs)

- Look the bus is _____(come)
- "Mmmm, this soup _____(taste) good"
- At the moment, I'm _____(take) my dog for a walk
- Adam is eating a hotdog but I _____(prefer) hamburgers
- Winter is coming, I _____(need) some warm clothes
- Today I am _____(go) to visit my grandparents
- " Please teacher I _____(think) I know the answer"
- It's a hot day and the children _____(swim) in the lake
- Anna is reading a book about ghosts but I _____(believe) in them
- "Listen ,I _____hear your mum calling you"