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Worksheet 2C: Verbs we don't usually use in the continuous form

There are a few verbs that we don't usually use in the continuous form.

However, the present continuous can be used with verbs like *look, be, want, love, have, feel* with a different meaning, for example:

Jennifer looks nice in her new dress.

Depending on the context, this sentence could refer to 'always' or 'at the moment'

Jennifer is looking nice today.

This sentence highlights that we mean that she looks nicer than usual.

Understand is not usually used in the present continuous. We understand from the context if 'understand' refers to something that is happening now or something that is always true, e.g.

I don't understand what you've just said. (now only)

I understand our English teacher very well. (I always understand her.)

1 Choose the correct verb.

a **A:** I **think** / **'m thinking** emojis are very useful.
B: **I'm not** / **not being** sure. I **think** / **'m thinking** about it.

b **A:** I **have** / **'m having** a great time. I'm loving this party!
B: People **like** / **are liking** using emojis. They have fun using them.

c **A:** He's **usually** / **usually being** so serious.
B: Why **is he** / **is he being** so silly, just now?

d **A:** She **has** / **'s having** a shower. She will be ready soon.
B: We**'ve** / **are having** got two showers.

e **A:** He's very funny. People always **laugh** / **are laughing** at him.
B: It's very funny. I **laugh** / **'m laughing** so much that I **cry** / **'m crying.**

f **A:** Why **is he** / **is he being** funny (= strange)? He's not usually like this.
B: It's strange. No one **understands** / **is understanding** it at all.

2 Tick (✓) the sentence(s) in each pair which emphasises something that the speaker is doing now.

a **A:** ..... I am serious about emojis. I love them!
B: ..... I'm not being serious – I'm joking!

b **A:** ..... I want to ask him question, but he's always so busy.
B: ..... Sorry to interrupt, I know you're busy. I was wanting to ask a question.

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