

A Complete the sentences from the text in READING A.

- Through the use of technology, we _____ the world that is accessible to us.
- These new legs _____ a number of features that were previously impossible.
- Another area in which connections with computers _____ a huge effect is communication.
- Computers that can recognize what people _____ so they can type messages with their brain.

B Read the sentences in A and choose the correct options.

- Stative verbs, e.g., *know*, *have*, and *like*, describe actions / states.
- Dynamic verbs, e.g., *write*, *walk*, and *use*, describe actions / states.
- Stative / Dynamic verbs are not usually used in progressive tenses.
- Some verbs, e.g., *be*, *have*, and *think*, can be used both ways with the same / a different meaning.

Function

We use stative verbs such as *seem*, *know*, and *understand* to describe states. They are not usually used in progressive tenses. We use dynamic (action) verbs like *walk*, *run*, and *play* to describe actions. Some stative verbs, like *be*, *think*, and *have*, and verbs of the senses, like *see*, *smell*, *taste*, and *hear*, can also be used as dynamic verbs, though the meaning of the verb changes.

Form

Stative verbs	Dynamic verbs	Stative or dynamic
Juan likes climbing.	He runs every day.	I think she's amazing.
I don't understand.	Don't laugh at me.	She's thinking about her work.
She wants to leave now.	We're playing a video game.	This pasta tastes delicious.
I don't know how to play this.	They are using new technology.	She's tasting the soup.

A Write S (stative) or D (dynamic) for each verb.

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| 1 eat _____ | 4 seem _____ | 7 sleep _____ | 10 believe _____ |
| 2 climb _____ | 5 drink _____ | 8 hate _____ | 11 laugh _____ |
| 3 know _____ | 6 want _____ | 9 use _____ | 12 understand _____ |

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B Complete the sentences with the simple present or the present progressive form of the verb in parentheses.

- I _____ (know) how to use this software.
- _____ you _____ (like) to climb mountains?
- My sister Sara _____ (have) a disability.
- Our teacher _____ (think) we should use phones in class.
- She _____ (not understand) what I'm saying.
- What _____ you _____ (think) about?
- _____ you _____ (read) anything interesting right now?
- They _____ (not have) a very good day today.

A Complete the rules with a word from the box. There is one word you do not need.

believe *dynamic* *progressive* *simple* *stative* *think* *watch*

- _____ verbs like *love* and _____ describe states.
- _____ verbs like *run* and _____ describe actions.
- Stative verbs are not usually used in _____ tenses.
- Verbs like *be* and _____ can be used as stative or dynamic with a different meaning.

