STATE VERBS

Exercise 1. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. He often helps other people. I_____he is a good man.

A. think **B.** am thinking

C. have been thinking **D.** had been thinking

2. I_____about this project since last spring.

A. think **B.** am thinking

C. have been thinking **D.** thought

3. Can you help me, please? I_____for Mr. David's office.

A. look **B.** am looking **C.** have looked **D.** looked

4. Is that Peter over there? He_____old and tired. Is he sick?

A. looks **B.** has looked

C. has been looking **D.** looked

5. She_____the soup in the kitchen when the telephone rang.

A. has tasted **B.** tasted **C.** was tasting **D.** tastes

6. This soup_____good. I really like it.

A. is tasting **B.** tastes **C.** has been tasting **D.** was tasting

7. Could you call a little later? We_____dinner now.

A. are having **B.** have had **C.** had **D.** have

8. She_____him for a long time. They are good friends.

A. knows **B.** had known **C.** has been knowing **D.** has known

9. This bag_____a ton. There are too many books in it.

A. weighs **B.** is weighing

C. weighed **D.** has been weighing

10. I_____a little boy in the room. He is sleeping on the sofa.

A. am seeing **B.** saw **C.** see **D.** had seen

Exercise 2. Choose the underlined part that needs correction.

1. While Mike (A) was fixing the car, I (B) was making the supper. By six o'clock I (C) had been working for eight hours, so I (D) was needing a good meal.

2. Simon (A) owns two different houses. He (B) likes to live in his house by the sea when the weather (C) is good, but in the winter he (D) is preferring to live in the city.

3. I (A) don't understand state and action verbs. They (B) seem very confusing. 1 (C) am hating them,

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because they (D) are driving me crazy!

4. I (A) play tennis every Tuesday. Last week, I (B) was playing (C) with Tom, a man I (D) was knowing from work.
5. When I (A) called Lucy, she (B) watched TV; therefore, she (C) didn't want to come out with me and I (D) went to the pub alone.

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