Grammar 1A
State and action verbs

Be is a state verb. Circle ten other state verbs in this email.

Hi Shelley

How are things back home? Over here in Melbourne, things are going well. Do you remember Amy Marcos? Well, right now I'm staying in a house that belongs to her aunt. She's doing me a big favour, but I don't feel very comfortable, and I want to find somewhere else to live. As for the new job, I like it. Everyone at the company seems very nice, and working here helps me to meet new people. I have a few friends in the office and some days we go out for a drink after work. They all make fun of the way I speak. People here say g'day when they greet you, and sometimes they use words that I don't understand. For example, arvo means afternoon. That was new to me!

Anyway, I must stop now, it's getting late. Thanks for checking at my old house for letters, and don't forget to forward those ones from the bank!

All the best,

Roy

Grammar 1B
State and action verbs

Put the expressions into the correct category according to the meaning of the underlined state verbs.

Do you remember Amy? The house belongs to her aunt.
I don't feel comfortable. I want to find somewhere else.
I like it. I have a few friends.
~~Everyone seems very nice.~~ I don't understand.
Arvo means afternoon Don't forget to forward them.

Being – the way things are and what they mean
Everyone seems very nice.

Possessing – the things we have

Feeling – how we feel physically and our needs and preferences

Thinking – using our brain to do things

Grammar 2
State and action verbs, present tense

Choose the correct options to complete the internet forum posts.

Moviefan2001

Hey, movie fans! What (1) *is / is being* the best fantasy film of all time? My vote goes to *Avatar*.

SushiBCN

Please tell me (2) *you joke / you're joking*! (3) *Do you seriously believe / Are you seriously believing* that *Avatar* is better than *Star Wars* or *The Lord of the Rings*? (4) *I own / I'm owning* copies of both these films and (5) *I watch / I'm watching* them again and again. I saw *Avatar* once, and that was enough.

Moviefan2001

I'm not the only person (6) *who loves / who's loving Avatar*, SushiBCN! (7) *I look / I'm looking* on the net right now, and lots of movie fans think it's up there with the best. But let's not argue.

SushiBCN

Moviefan2001, (8) *I don't argue / I'm not arguing*. (9) *I'm just not agreeing / I just don't agree*. OK, *Avatar* is spectacular, but where's the story?

BetaGirl

SushiBCN, (10) *I prefer / I'm preferring Star Wars* too, but let's face it, *Avatar* is pretty entertaining. And *The Lord of the Rings* isn't one film, it's three. Which one (11) *do you refer / are you referring* to?

SushiBCN

The Lord of the Rings came out in three parts, but really it's one long film. And (12) *I talk / I'm talking* about the director's cut, of course!

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