

# Stative verbs. Grammar

## 1 Underline the correct item.

- I see / am seeing that the situation is out of control.
- The sausages are tasting / taste delicious.
- Do you enjoy / Are you enjoying the party?
- You haven't said a word all morning. What are you thinking / do you think about?
- He has / is having a Siamese cat.
- These flowers are smelling / smell nice.
- I don't know / am not knowing where she keeps the keys.
- These silk sheets feel / are feeling lovely and smooth.
- Why do you smell / are you smelling the milk? Do you think it has gone off?
- Anna is Italian. She is coming / comes from Italy.
- That dress looks / is looking nice on you.
- If you don't look / aren't looking at that comic book, I'd like to see it.
- The doctor weighs / is weighing the baby.
- Mary is / is being very naughty these days.

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## Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

- A: I ..... *'m thinking* ..... (think) about going to see *Green Day* in concert next month.  
B: Great! I ..... (think) they're the best. I'll come with you.
- A: Why ..... (you/weigh) yourself?  
B: I want to see if I ..... (weigh) enough for my height.
- A: Your baby brother ..... (be) adorable!  
B: Yes, but today he ..... (be) really naughty. He keeps drawing on the wall.
- A: I see you ..... (have) a new mobile phone.  
B: Yes, but I ..... (have) problems with it at the moment.
- A: Why ..... (you/taste) the soup? It's not ready yet.  
B: To see if it ..... (taste) sweet enough for the children.
- A: Do you know where Mike ..... (come) from?  
B: He's from Glasgow. Actually, he's there at the moment but he ..... (come) back tomorrow.
- A: I ..... (see) Charlotte has toothache.

## 3 Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or the present continuous.

- A: I ..... *see* ..... (see) you still have a toothache.  
B: Yes, I do. Actually, I ..... (see) my dentist later.
- A: I ..... (think) of visiting Jim this afternoon.  
B: Don't bother. I ..... (think) he's on a business trip.
- A: Why ..... (Greg/be) so rude today?  
B: I have no idea. He ..... (be) usually very polite.
- A: Why ..... (you/taste) the sauce? Does it need more pepper?  
B: No. It ..... (taste) great the way it is.
- A: Why ..... (you/smell) the milk?  
B: Because it ..... (smell) off. We should throw it away.
- A: I see you ..... (have) a new mobile phone.  
B: Yes, but I ..... (have) trouble understanding how it works.

4 Use the verbs to complete the sentences. Use the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

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|--------|--------|----------|----------|------------|
| fit    | look   | have     | smell    | think      |
| appear | prefer | not/know | not/like | not/belong |

1 Aya ..... *prefers* ..... classical music to jazz and pop.

2 He ..... new cabinets in the kitchen.

3 She ..... so relieved now that the test is over.

4 Tom ..... Indian food. It's too hot and spicy for him.

5 The new rock band ..... on stage tonight.

6 This isn't Ahmed's coat. It ..... to him.

7 The food ..... nice.

8 The funfair rides are exciting. We ..... a great time!

9 I ..... where Jane is at the moment.

10 The Browns ..... of going to the theatre tonight.