

## DYNAMIC AND STATE VERBS

Dynamic verbs like *do*, *work* and *play* describe actions and can be used in both types of tenses – simple (e.g. the Present Simple) and continuous (e.g. the Present Continuous):

*I often **listen** to classical music.*

*I'm **listening** to Mozart now.*

State (or stative) verbs include:

- attitude verbs (describing feelings, emotions, preferences, etc.). e.g. *hate, like, love, prefer*
- mental/thinking verbs, e.g. *believe, know, need, remember, think, understand, want*
- sense/perception verbs, e.g. *feel, hear, see*.

State verbs are mostly used in simple tenses, even if they refer to something happening at the moment of speaking:

***Do** you **understand** me?*

***Does** she **want** to go to the music festival?*

Some state verbs can be used in the continuous form, but with a change in meaning (e.g. *think, have, look*):

***Do** I **look** good in this dress?*

*What **are** you **looking** at?*

### 1- CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS.

- I THINK / 'M THINKING about going to a fashion show tomorrow.
- I DON'T THINK / 'M NOT THINKING the show was a success.
- DO YOU HAVE / ARE YOU HAVING a favourite fashion designer?
- DOES TIM HAVE / IS TIM HAVING breakfast right now?
- What DOES SALLY LOOK / IS SALLY LOOKING like? Is she tall?

### 2- COMPLETE THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS.

- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (George/talk) to that fashion journalist in French?  
B: No way! He \_\_\_\_\_ (not speak) any foreign languages.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you/like) reading fashion magazines?  
B: Of course. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a few every month.
- A: Why \_\_\_\_\_ (he/want) to buy that expensive suit?  
B: Because he \_\_\_\_\_ (think) it will make him look smarter.
- A: You \_\_\_\_\_ (look) miserable. What's wrong?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (not usually / wear) high-heeled shoes and the ones I \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) today are very uncomfortable.