

Verbs don't use In Continuous

1 Complete the table with the verbs.

believe buy climb feel
hate like make mean
~~need~~ own ~~run~~ sing
understand want work

Verbs we can use in
the continuous

run

Verbs we don't
normally use in the
continuous

need

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 0 Jack's behind that tree. I can see / 'm seeing him.
- 1 I *know* / 'm *knowing* the names of all the rivers in my country.
- 2 My brother *learns* / 's *learning* about the weather at the moment.
- 3 You *need* / 're *needing* to do your homework before Tuesday.
- 4 You're very quiet. What *do you think* / *are you thinking* about?
- 5 My friends *don't play* / *aren't playing* football today. It's cold.
- 6 Can you say that again? We *don't understand* / *aren't understanding*.
- 7 *Can you hear* / *Are you hearing* that strange noise?

Which of these words are also about thinking, feeling and owning things?

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| ☐ belong to | ☐ buy | ☐ climb | ☐ feel | ☐ hate | ☐ have | ☐ love |
| ☐ mean | ☐ need | ☐ prefer | ☐ run | ☐ sing | ☐ want | ☐ work |

3 Write complete sentences. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

0 Shh! I / think.

Shh! I'm thinking.

1 I / not understand / this exercise.

2 My friends / think football is boring.

3 What / you / do right now?

4 We / not want to watch the film.

5 That dog / belong to my cousin.

6 Penguins / not feel / the cold weather.

7 I / not like this book very much.