

STATIVE VERBS

1. Read the following sentence and fill in the rule with these words: *active, physical, can*

Look over there! They are playing basketball.

_____ verbs show _____ actions. You _____ see the action happening!

Examples: run, eat, _____, _____.

2. Stative verbs show **states** (=situations) not actions & **cannot** be used in the Continuous (-ing) form.
e.g. I love summer. **NOT** I am loving summer.

3. Write each stative verb in the right category: think, prefer, ~~measure~~, cost, like, want, belong to, understand, know, hear, ~~feel~~, guess, imagine, weigh, remember, hate, dislike, wish, ~~see~~, smell, possess, agree, believe, love, taste, own, have, seem

THINKING & OPINIONS	SENSES	POSSESSION	MEASUREMENT	FEELINGS & EMOTIONS
<i>think</i>	<i>see</i>	<i>possess</i>	<i>measure</i>	<i>feel</i>

!!! EXCEPTIONS: Some **verbs** can be **STATIVE verbs** in some contexts and **ACTIVE** in other contexts **BUT** there is a difference in meaning.

4. Write “stative” or “active” for each sentence after reading their meaning. (active=can you see it happening?)

VERB	Context	Stative	Active	Meaning
HAVE	I have an expensive car.	stative		own/possess
HAVE	I am having a bath.		active	is washing himself
SMELL	Your perfume smells of green apples.			has a certain smell
SMELL	She is smelling the flowers.			is sniffing
THINK	I think you are right.			have an opinion/believe
THINK	I am thinking about his offer.			considering/reflecting on
BE	He is a clever person.			that's his personality
BE	He is being silly today.			behaving/acting
SEE	Do you see the man there?			perceive with my eyes
SEE	I'm seeing my friends later.			I am meeting
TASTE	Why are you tasting the food?			eating it to try its flavour
TASTE	The food tastes delicious.			has a nice flavour

5. Complete the sentences below with these words in the right tense (Present Simple or Present Continuous): *believe, have, prefer, smell, taste, understand*.

- My friend _____ **has** _____ a pet dog.
- These flowers _____ nice!
- I don't speak much Spanish but I _____ it when I hear it.
- This tea _____ too sweet. How much sugar did you add?
- Strawberry ice-cream is okay but I _____ chocolate ice-cream.
- My son still _____ in Santa Claus. He's only four years old.