

## 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.

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

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

1- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (George/talk) to that fashion journalist in French?

B: No way! He \_\_\_\_\_ (not speak) any foreign languages.

2- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you/like) reading fashion magazines?

B: Of course. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a few every month.

3- A: Why \_\_\_\_\_ (he/want) to buy that expensive suit?

B: Because he \_\_\_\_\_ (think) it will make him look smarter.

4- A: You \_\_\_\_\_ (look) miserable. What's wrong?

B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (not usually / wear) high-heeled shoes and the ones I \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) today are very uncomfortable.