

Stative verbs generally fall into 4 groups:

Emotion: love, hate, want, need, like, dislike, prefer, mind, wish, hope

Possession: have, own, want, belong, possess, consist

Sense: see, hear, smell, seem, taste, touch, feel

Thought: know, believe, remember, understand, doubt, suspect, forget

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Some words can be state verbs and action verbs. The meaning of these verbs is then different. Take a look at these:

'I have a car.' - state verb showing possession

'I am having a bath.' - action verb which, in this case, means 'taking'.

'I think you are cool.' - state verb meaning 'in my opinion'.

'I am thinking about buying a motorbike.' - action verb meaning 'considering'.

Complete the sentences with present continuous or present simple

_____ (be careful of the stative verbs)

- Look the bus _____ (come)
- "Mmmm, this soup _____ (taste) good"
- At the moment, I _____ (take) my dog for a walk
- Adam is eating a hotdog but I _____ (prefer) hamburgers
- Winter is coming, I _____ (need) some warm clothes
- Today I am _____ (go) to visit my grandparents
- "Please teacher I _____ (think) I know the answer"
- It's a hot day and the children _____ (swim) in the lake
- Anna is reading a book about ghosts but I _____ (not believe) in them
- "Listen, I _____ (hear) your mum calling you"

Choose the correct word to complete:

Yes, I know/am knowing the answer!

Why is she cries/crying?

She always is getting/gets up late on Sundays

I am liking/like this film

I want/am wanting a new bike

Today, mum washes/is washing my clothes

"Look, I am seeing/see my friends"

Yuk! I hate/am hating vegetables

I haven't seen the doctor for a long time but
she is remembering/remembers my name.

At the moment the children play/are playing in
the garden

Have, need, understand, think,
believe, walk, write,

Complete the sentences using one of the
verbs from the box above

Now I _____ to my friend's house.

I _____ brown eyes and short
hair.

Sara is at the shops as she _____

New shoes.

At the moment I _____ an email
to my cousin.

The lesson is difficult but I _____ it.

David _____ in magic.

I _____ English is fun