

Choose the correct form — Advanced

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Be careful: some verbs can be used in both Present Simple and Present Continuous, depending on their meaning.

1. I _____ (think) your idea is really interesting, but I _____ (think) about it before I give you an answer.
2. Why _____ you _____ (look) at me like that? _____ I _____ (look) strange?
3. This soup _____ (taste) much better now. The chef _____ (taste) it again to check the flavour.
4. I _____ (see) what you mean, but I _____ (see) my cousin this evening, so I can't stay long.
5. My brother _____ (have) a terrible headache today, so he _____ (have) a rest in his room.
6. I _____ (not believe) what I'm hearing! Are you really _____ (say) that?
7. Sarah _____ (love) travelling, but she _____ (not enjoy) this trip very much.
8. We _____ (have) a lot of homework this week, but we _____ (have) a break at the moment.
9. I _____ (understand) the rule now, but I still _____ (not understand) why we need it.
10. The flowers _____ (smell) wonderful. What _____ you _____ (do)? — I _____ (smell) them to find out which ones are roses.
11. This jacket _____ (not fit) me anymore. I _____ (try) to find something that fits better.
12. I _____ (remember) her name, but I _____ (try) to remember where I met her.

Extra: Choose 3 sentences and explain why you used Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Find and correct the mistakes

Each sentence contains ONE mistake. Correct it. Be careful: some sentences are correct in meaning but use the wrong tense.

1. I am knowing exactly what you mean.
2. Why are you looking so worried? Is something wrong?
3. She is having two younger brothers.
4. I think about your suggestion at the moment.
5. This perfume is smelling amazing.
6. We are seeing our English teacher every Monday.
7. I don't understand what you are saying.
8. He is believing that everything will be fine.
9. What are you thinking about?
10. I am seeing what you mean now.
11. This bag is belonging to my sister.
12. The chef tastes the soup right now.
13. I am loving this new song!
14. You are being very quiet today.
15. I am not remembering where I put my keys.

Challenge: There are **two** sentences where the Continuous form is actually possible. Find them.

Choose the sentence that fits the situation

Read each situation carefully. Choose A or B and explain why the other option doesn't fit the situation.

1. Ты считаешь, что твоя подруга права.
A) I am thinking you are right.
B) I think you are right.
2. Ты сейчас обдумываешь, стоит ли покупать этот телефон.
A) I think about buying this phone.
B) I am thinking about buying this phone.
3. У твоего друга есть новая собака.
A) He is having a new dog.
B) He has a new dog.
4. Твой друг сейчас обедает в школьной столовой.
A) He has lunch in the school canteen.
B) He is having lunch in the school canteen.
5. Ты понимаешь объяснение учителя.
A) I see what you mean.
B) I am seeing what you mean.
6. Ты встречаешься со своим двоюродным братом сегодня вечером.
A) I see my cousin this evening.
B) I am seeing my cousin this evening.
7. Тебе кажется, что твой друг сегодня ведёт себя очень странно.
A) He is being very strange today.
B) He is very strange today.
8. Ты говоришь о том, какой человек обычно.
A) Tom is being very friendly.
B) Tom is very friendly.
9. Повар сейчас пробует суп.
A) The chef tastes the soup.
B) The chef is tasting the soup.
10. Ты описываешь вкус супа.
A) The soup tastes delicious.
B) The soup is tasting delicious.

Correct the dialogue

Read the dialogue. There are several mistakes with State Verbs. Find and correct them.

Lena: Hey, what are you doing?

Max: I'm sitting here and I am thinking this is probably the worst film I've ever seen.

Lena: Really? I am liking it!

Max: You're joking, right? I am not understanding why you like it.

Lena: I don't know. I think about the story at the moment, and I think it's actually quite interesting.

Max: Hmm... Wait. What are you smelling?

Lena: The flowers. They are smelling amazing!

Max: Oh, yes. And that cake looks good.

Lena: It is tasting delicious too!

Max: You are being very positive today.

Lena: Maybe! By the way, I am seeing Emma after school. Do you want to come?

Max: No, thanks. I am having a dentist appointment at five.

Lena: Good luck! I am knowing you'll be fine.