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**Stative Verbs**

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**Objective: To identify and practice using stative verbs.**

* What are **state(stative) verbs?**



* 'They love it' or 'They are loving it'?
* When a verb describes a **state** and not an **action**, we do not use the continuous tense. For example, 'play' is an action so we can say 'playing' whereas 'be' is a fixed state which does not change: 'To be, or not to be'.
* Grammatically it is not correct to say "I’m loving it" even though McDonald's have made this expression famous. 'Love' is a state verb and so we should say "I love it".
* State verbs generally fall into 4 groups:
  1. Emotion: love, hate, want, need
  2. Possession: have, own, want, belong
  3. Sense: see, hear, smell, seem
  4. Thought: know, believe, remember
* Here are some more examples of state verbs:

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| State Verbs | | | |
| doubt | dislike | understand | suspect |
| loathe | own | belong | know |
| like | need | want | seem |
| mean | believe | forget | remember |
| prefer | hate | love | see |

* Some words can be both 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'.

**Exercises**

**A) Decide if these verbs are used correctly or not. Write ‘C’ for correct and ‘I’ for incorrect**.

* I am disliking garlic. I
* I prefer winter to summer. C
* She is reading a good book. C
* I’m thinking about work. C
* Please don't forgetting me. I
* He is knowing him for a long time. I
* I am hating school. I
* You seem tired. C
* She owns a cat. C
* They belong to the music club. C
* Do you believing me? I
* They need you. C

**B) Put the verb into the correct form. Use either the present simple or the present continuous**.

1. Please don't make so much noise. I am studying (**study**).

2. How many languages does Tom speak (**Tom** /**speak**)?

3. I don’t belong (**not**/**belong**) to a political party.

4. Hurry! The bus is coming (**come**). I don’t want (**not**/**want**) to miss it.

5. The River Nile flows (**flow**) into the Mediterranean.

6. The river is flowing (**flow**) very fast today — much faster than usual.

7. Does it ever snow (**it**/**ever**/**snow**) in India?

8. We usually grow (grow) vegetables in our garden, but this year we aren’t growing (**not**/**grow**) any.

9. A: Can you drive?

B: No, but I am learning (**learn**). My father teaches (**teach**) me.

10. You can borrow my umbrella. I don’t need (**not**/**need**) it at the moment.

11. (*at a party*) I usually enjoy (**enjoy**) parties but I am not enjoying (**not**/**enjoy**) this one very much.

12. George says he's 80- years old but I don’t believe (**not**/**believe**) him.

13. Ron is in London at the moment. He is staying(**stay**) at the Hilton Hotel. He usually stays (**stay**) at the Hilton Hotel when he's in London.

14. My parents live (**live**) in Bristol. They were born there and have never lived anywhere else. Where do your parents live (**your**/**parents**/**live**)?

15. She is staying (**stay**) with her sister at the moment, until she finds somewhere to live.

16. A: What does your father do (**your** **father**/**do**)?

B: He's a teacher, but he isn’t working (**not**/**work**) at the moment.

17. What time do the banks close (**the** **banks**/**close**) in Britain?

18. I don't understand the word 'aint'. What does it mean (**it**/**mean**)?

19. He is still ill but he is getting better (**get**/**better**) slowly.

20. The economic situation is already bad and it is getting worse (**get/worse**).

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