

**Non Action Verbs**

Stative Verbs

**Some verbs (for example, know and like) are not action verbs. You cannot say 'I am knowing' or 'they are liking'; you can only say 'I know', 'they like'.**

**The following verbs are not normally used in continuous tenses:**

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| **LIKE** hate **WANT** **NEED** prefer |

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| **KNOW** mean **UNDERSTAND** believe remember |

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| **BELONG** contain consist seem |

* I want to go home (not 'I'm wanting')
* I know well the subject (not ‘I’m knowing’)
* I'm hungry. I want something to eat. (not ‘I’m wanting’)
* Do you understand what I mean? (not 'I'm understanding’)

**VERBS OF MIND:**

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| believe, think, assume consider, understand, suppose, expect, agree, know, remember, forget |

**VERBS OF EMOTION:**

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| like, love, detest, envy, hate, hope, prefer, wish, want |

**VERBS OF HAVING AND BEING:**

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| belong, own, depend, contain, cost, seem, appear, need, have, consist  |

**VERBS OF THE SENSES:**

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| see, hear, taste, smell |

**THINK**

**When THINK means 'believe', ‘consider’, do not use the continuous:**

* I think it will be late. (not ‘I’m thinking I will be late')
* What do you think will happen? (not 'what are you thinking')
* I'm thinking of giving up my job. (= I am considering)

**But when you’re having a thought use ‘ing’ :**

* You look serious. What are you thinking about? (=What is going on in your mind?)
* I’m thinking about you.

**SEE**

**We normally use the present simple (not continuous) with SEE:**

* Do you see that man over there? (not 'are you seeing')

But

You can use the continuous with SEE (I'm seeing) when the meaning is 'having a meeting with'

* I'm seeing the manager tomorrow morning.

**1) Look at the pictures. Use the words in brackets to make sentences. Use present continuous or present simple.**

1. Are you hungry? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ something to eat? (you / want)
2. Jill is interested in politics but she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a political party. (not / belong)
3. Don't put the dictionary away. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. (use)
4. Don't put the dictionary away. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. (need)
5. Who is that man? What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (he / want)
6. Who is that man? Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at us? (he / look)
7. George says he's 80 years old but nobody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. (believe)
8. She told me her name but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it now. (not / remember)
9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of selling my car. (think)

‘Would you be interested in buying it?’

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you should sell your car. (think)

You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it very often. (not / use)

1. I used to drink a lot of coffee but these days I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tea. (prefer)

**2) Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bath every evening.
2. My husband \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always / taste) the food while I’m cooking!
3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) the doctor now.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party at the weekend.
5. This coffee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / taste) right.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) John and Susie next weekend.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / think) about the war in Iraq?
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / be) hungry? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / want) a sandwich?
9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (think) about my ex-boyfriend.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / think) that’s a good idea.