

State Verbs

- they describe someone's state or condition not an activity

Possession: have, belong to, own

Senses: see, hear, smell, taste

Believe: think, believe, suppose, understand, mean

Feelings: fear, feel, hope

Remember: remember, realize, forget, know

Want: want, need

Like: like, love, hate, enjoy, dislike, prefer

Other permanent states: be, cost, depend on, remain, sound, appear, mind, meet, fit, find, matter, owe



Some of these verbs can be in the progressive with a different meaning.

- I can see you. (I have the ability)
I'm **seeing** my dentist today. (visiting)
- The roses smell nice. (have a nice smell)
Why **are you smelling** the meat? Has it gone bad? (sniffing)
- This cake tastes delicious. (it's delicious)
She's **tasting** the cake mixture. (she's trying it)
- It feels like silk. (can be identified by touching it)
I'm **not feeling** well today. (being unwell)
- I have a book. (possess)
I'm **having** breakfast. (I'm eating)
- Do you like my new dress? (Is it nice?)
How **are you liking** our party? (Are you enjoying it?)
- I think he's in America. (I believe, suppose)
I'm **thinking** about your plan. (I'm considering)