Stative & Dynamic Verbs

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STATIVE VERBS ARE’NT USUALLY USED IN CONTINUOUS TENSES
They are verbs that usually describe a state, or a condition. They are not action verbs
LIKE
Am I liking
STATIVE VERBS

Existence

- Be
- Become
- Exist

mental conditions, processes, and relationships

- Understand
- Prefer
- Want
- Believe
- Need /Like/Dislike
- Belong
- Depend/Determine/Deduce
- Enjoy
List of Stative Verbs

• Adore, agree, appear (to seem), appreciate
• Be (exist), believe, belong to.
• Concern, consist of, contain, cost.
• Deny, depend on, dislike, deserve, detest, disagree, doubt.
• Equal
• Feel,
• Guess
• Hate, have, hear
List of Stative Verbs

- Imagine, include, involve
- Lack, like, loathe, look (seem), love,
- Matter, measure, mean, mind.
- Need
- Owe, own, possess, promise.
- Realise, recognise, remember, resemble,
- Satisfy, seem, smell, sound, suppose, surprise.
- Taste, think (opinion)
- Understand
- Want, weigh, wish
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STATIVE:
• = To have an opinion
  – I think (have an opinion) this flower is unusual

DYNAMIC: (Continuous)
• Think of/about = To be considering something
  – I am thinking about going away this weekend
Look/Appear

STATIVE:
• = To have a particular appearance/seem
  – Nemo looks sad

DYNAMIC: (Continuous)
• = To turn your eyes towards something so you can see it
  – She is looking (so she can see herself) in the mirror
**SEE**

**STATIVE:**
- Notice someone or something using your eyes
  - She sees (using her eyes) a plane in the sky

**DYNAMIC: (Continuous)**
- Meet or visit someone by arrangement
  - I am seeing (meeting) my dentist at 17.00 on Wednesday
Admire

STATIVE:
• To have a good opinion of someone or something
  – A lot of people admire (have a good opinion) of Mother Teresa

DYNAMIC: (Continuous)
• To look at with appreciation
  – The dog is admiring(looking with appreciation at) the sandwich
Some verbs can be both Dynamic & Stative

Be: You are really kind
   You are being too stingy

Have: I have a big house
     I am just having a laugh

See: I don’t see the point
     I am seeing Tom tonight

Taste: The milk tastes off
       I have been tasting wine

Think: I think you’re right
       I am thinking about moving
THE END

Thank You