

Stative Verbs

are NOT used in Continuous Tenses

Feelings:	Thoughts, opinions:	Senses:	Possession:	Measure, cost, Others:
LIKE	KNOW	FEEL	BELONG	COST
DISLIKE	THINK *	HEAR	OWN	MEASURE
LOVE	UNDERSTAND	SEE *	HAVE *	WEIGH *
HATE	BELIEVE	SMELL *		OWE
PREFER	GUESS	SOUND		SEEM
WANT	MEAN	TASTE *		BE *
NEED	SUPPOSE	TOUCH		APPEAR *
MIND	DOUBT	LOOK *		CONSIST
CARE	REALIZE			
	REMEMBER			
	FORGET			
	AGREE			

But some of them can sometimes be “Dynamic/ action” verbs and go in a Continuous Tense: *

Non-Continuous and Continuous

There are also a number of verbs that don't take the continuous forms in one meaning but DO take the continuous forms in other meanings. Here are some of the most important:

Verb	Non-Continuous Meanings	Continuous Meanings
Feel	'have an opinion' - <i>He feels he should get a second chance.</i>	'feel physically' - <i>I'm feeling awful this afternoon.</i>
See	'understand' - <i>I see what you mean.</i>	'visit' - <i>She's seeing a doctor this morning.</i>
Think	'have an opinion' - <i>I think we should leave immediately.</i>	'use the brain' - <i>He's thinking hard about the problem.</i>
Appear	'look like' - <i>That appears to be stale.</i>	'be on stage / perform' - <i>Jack Daniels is appearing at the Paramount tonight.</i>
Look	'seem' - <i>It looks impossible!</i>	'stare at' - <i>I'm looking at that strange man.</i>
Taste	'have a taste' - <i>That tastes yummy!</i>	'use the mouth' - <i>The cook is tasting the sauce!</i>
Weigh	'have weight' - <i>The bag weighs three kilos.</i>	'try to find the weight' - <i>I am weighing the bag to find out how heavy it is.</i>
Smell	'has a smell' - <i>The food smells horrible.</i>	'use the nose' - <i>Why are you smelling the food?</i>
Have	'possession' - <i>I have a nice office/ a house.</i>	'eat, drink, do, enjoy' - <i>She is having a baby. / We are having a nice time.</i>
Be	'personality trait' - <i>You are stupid.</i>	'acting or behaving in a specific way temporarily' - <i>I don't know what is wrong with you but you're being stupid.</i>