

STATIVE VERBS

Some verbs are only (or mostly) used in simple tenses, and are not used in continuous tenses, for example, the present simple or the past simple. An example of a continuous tense is the present continuous or past continuous.

These verbs are called stative, or state verbs. A verb which isn't stative is called a dynamic verb, and is usually an action. Stative verbs describe a state rather than an action. They aren't usually used in the present continuous form.

Stative verbs often relate to:

- **Thoughts and opinions:** agree, believe, doubt, guess, imagine, know, mean, recognize, remember, suspect, think, understand.
- **Feelings and emotions:** dislike, hate, like, love, prefer, want, wish.
- **Senses and perceptions:** appear, be, feel, hear, look, see, seem, smell, taste.
- **Possession and measurement:** belong, have, measure, own, possess, weigh.

Examples:

- I think that is a very bad idea.
- I like this movie!
- That meal smells good.
- Do you have a notebook?

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