

Types of Verbs

1. **Action verbs:** These verbs describe what a person, many people, or a thing is doing.

Example: I read a book. - *Present simple*

I am reading a book. - *Present continuous*

2. **Stative verbs:** These verbs describe how things are or how someone feels.

Example: I love books. - *Present simple*

Stative verbs are not usually used in the continuous forms.

Stative verbs generally fall into 4 groups:

- **Emotion:** love, hate, want, need
- **Possession:** have, own, want, belong
- **Sense:** see, hear, smell, seem
- **Thought:** know, believe, remember

Here are some more examples of stative verbs:

- Dislike, Understand, Own, Know, Like, Need, Want, Believe, Forget, Remember, Prefer, Hate, Love, see

Practice

Directions: Choose the correct word to complete:

1. I know/am knowing where Lily is. She reads/is reading a fashion magazine in our library.
2. Why is this child cries/crying? Oh, he needs/is needing help because he fell off his bike.
3. My dad fixes/is fixing his car in the garage now.
4. Sam and Din believe/are believing in monsters living under their beds.
5. Do you believe/believing in witches? Hah, no, I don't. But I believe/am believing in the Tooth Fairy!
6. I like/am liking this comedy because I know/am knowing all the actors here.
7. They don't understand/aren't understanding French students in the class.
8. Oh no! I hate/am hating vegetables in the soup.
9. Right now the dog catches/is catching the ball in the river.
10. We usually go/are going to the local park to ski on weekends.