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Non action verbs exercises

Choose the right answer. Privacy English Level: Lower-Intermediate, IntermediateLanguage focus: Progressive verb tense and state verbs. Jump to: ExercisesIntroduction: Action Verbs & State Verbs) VerbsMost verbs are action verbs. John kicked the ball. Chefs cook. People speak languages. To kick, to cook, to speak—these are all actions that we do with our bodies and we can see the actions happening. However, some verbs are not actions. They describe a condition or condition. I understand you. She knows the answer. He's got a job. Verbs like this – understand, know, have – are not actions that people do. They are states (conditions), so they are called state verbs. Okay, but why is this important? State Verbs are never used in the progressive (continuous) TenseThat right. We never say the following:I understand you. (error – I understand you.) She knew the answer. (error – She knew the answer.) He's got a job. (error – He has a job.) We cannot use The Present Progressive (is included), Past Progressive (join), or Future Progressive (will have) with permit verbs. Progressive tenses describe actions that happen at a certain time, but since state verbs are not actions, we do not use progressive tenses with them. What Are Some Common State Verbs?agreebelievebelongcare (about)consistcontaincontainservedislikehateimagineincludeincludeknowlikelovemeanmindneedoweownpreferrealizerecognizerecognizeunderstandwishThere are more, of course, but these are the most common verbs. Special case: Sense VerbsMost of the verbs for the senses – see, smell, taste, feel, look – can be used both as state verbs and an action verb because they each have two different meanings. Let's look at some examples. I feel sick. (This is a state verb that means I'm sick/I think I'm sick. There is no action here.) I feel the top of the desk. (This is an action verb that means I use my hands to touch the desk to see how it feels.) This is an action.) This smells bad. (= State verb that means this has a bad smell – there is no action here.) I can smell the flower. (= Action verb meaning 'I suck air through my nose to get the scent of the flower.')

This tastes like salt. (= State verb meaning 'it has a salty taste.')

I'll taste the strawberry. (= Action verb meaning 'I use my mouth and tongue to learn how something tastes.')

Can you tell the difference? It is obvious when you look at an example that cake tastes good. If taste was an action, it would mean that the cake (subject to the sentence) would taste something! (That would be impossible!) People taste cookies (which is an action). When we say the cake tastes good, verb flavor is a state verb that describes the cake. Another case: The 'ThinkThe verb thinks has a state meaning and an action meaning as well. Let us look at two examples. I think blue is a nice color. (State verb: I think blue is nice/ In my opinion, blue is nice.) I'm thinking about the answer. (Action verb: I use my brain to try to find the answer.) So, think is a state verb when we use it to give an opinion, but it's an action verb when we describe our brain in action. There are a few other exceptions as well, such as idioms with the verb have. When have the means to possess something, e.g. I have a pen, we can never use the verb in a -ing (progressive form). But there are some idioms with have that are measures. For example: She's having a baby. (having children = to give birth) I have a party/picnic tomorrow. (having a party/picnic = to host a party/picnic) We're in trouble. (having problems = doing something with difficulty) I'm having fun/ I'm having a great time.. (to have fun / have a good time = to enjoy) These idioms are all measures. How about McDonald's I'm Lovin' It? (I don't love it.) The McDonald's slogan is grammatically wrong because love is a state verb. It should be I love it. Don't speak as McDonald's.Practice: State Verbs & Action Verb ExercisesPut the following verbs into the Gift Simple or Present Progressive Tense. Övning #2: Verbs That Are Both State & Action VerbsExercise #3: More Practice with State & Action VerbsQuestions? Find a mistake? Leave a comment below.– Written by Matthew Barton (copyright) / Creator of Englishcurrent.comRelated Lessons:Present Simple & Present Progressive Review & Exercises English Current recommends Grammarly as a learning tool to reduce English mistakes. If you found this page helpful, consider a donation to our hosting bill to show your support! 68 questions | Total Attempt: 4911 I can not find my pen. I've been looking for it every each and I still can't find it. I can't find my pen. I've been looking for it every each and I still can't find it. What do you think of the new teacher? What are you thinking? I'm having a party this weekend. Would you like to come with me? Could you please have a taste of this soup? Ugh! The soup tastes terrible. What do you think of the new teacher? The teacher _____ (see) you every day in Grammar class. Stop! You _____ (be) stupid right now. He _____ (not, remember) my name. Does she have _____ (need) a book right now? John _____ (do not want) anything at the moment. What are you thinking? I _____ (see) her now. She's just coming down the road. This food ----- (smell) leaks. I'm having a party this weekend. Would you like to come with me? Could you please have a taste of this soup? What is the dog _____ (smell)? Ugh! The soup tastes terrible. Noun Adjective &t;&t; Verbs V &t;&t; Grammar Practice - Table of Contents &t;&t; Verbs VII by Tom Rohrbach verbs in English are always non-action – want and need, for example. Others are sometimes action and sometimes non-action – think, taste, smell, look, have, and others. If you describe a fact or a condition, you should use a simple tense - usually simple gift or simple past. Example: This food tastes good. His dirty socks smelled bad. I think that puppy is cute. If you describe action, you should use a continuous tense. Example: The chef tastes the food. Angie thinks about her family. The child looks at his fingers. My friends are having a dinner party next weekend. I _____ (think) that the girl is my roommate's cousin. think I'm thinking is thinking I _____ (want) a cheeseburger. Let's go to McDonald's. want to am want is want a: What are you doing? B: Oh, I _____ (think) about my vacation to Hawaii that starts next week! think I'm thinking My son _____ (has) a new toy, and he carries it with him everywhere he goes. have has is to have is to have Those walnut brownies _____ (smell) really good! Did you just bake them? smell smells smells this food _____ (taste) spicy. Did you put curry in it? taste tastetastes taste Jenny really _____ (like) her new apartment center. like is fancy is liking Every new student _____ (needs) a health insurance card he can carry in his wallet. need is need is need is need If a man _____ (love) his wife or girlfriend, he will buy her a nice gift for Valentine's Day! love love is loving is loving I _____ (hear) you, but I can not understand your pronunciation. Say it again, please. hearing hear i hear My parents _____ (have) a dinner last Friday night, so I'm going to go to the movies that night. has is to have is to have The Chef _____ (taste) the soup, and I do not think he likes it! [U.S. – Cook; British – cooker] taste tasting tasting A: What _____ (you + watch) ? B: Well, there's a fire truck on the street, but I don't see any fire. you look at looking at where you are watching is you are looking at your boss _____ (watch) tired today. Did she have a busy weekend? look looks looks &t;&t; Verbs V &t;&t; Grammar Practice - Table of Contents &t;&t; Verbs VII © 2014 Spring International Language Center Learn English &t;&t; English lessons and exercises &t;&t; English test #67464: Action or non action verbs' action verbs' can be used in BE + -ING: My mother is cooking dinner now My father cooks dinner on Sundays 'non action verbs' or

'state verbs' cannot be used in BE + -ING:ABSTRACTbe, know, know, understand, remember, think, think, forget, mean, there is... FEELINGSlike, dislike, love, hate, fear, envy, care... SENSESbear, see, feel, smell, taste, sound, seems BELONGINGSown, has, belongs, I have to love my mom (I love my mom) I need a new car (I need a new car) When they have other meanings, these words can sometimes be in BE+ING: Sarah looks beautiful. The detective is looking for a clue exercise: use the current simple OR the current continuous. Twitter ShareEnglish practice Action or non action verb created by lili73 with The Test Builder. [More lessons & exercises from lili73] Click here to see the current statistics for this English test Please log in to save your progress. on the free exercise to learn English: Action or non action verbsA free English exercise to learn English.Other English exercises on the same subjects : Infinitive | -| All our lessons and exercises exercises

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