

GRAMMAR

State and action verbs

Czasowniki statyczne wyrażają:

- emocje (*hate, like, love*),
- stany umysłu (*believe, know, need, remember, think, understand, want*),
- doznania (*feel, hear, see*).

Czasowniki statyczne występują przeważnie w czasie Present Simple, a nie w czasie Present Continuous (nie przyjmują formy *-ing*), nawet jeśli odnoszą się do zdarzeń lub stanów mających miejsce w chwili, w której o nich mówimy.

Do you understand me? – Rozumiesz mnie?

Niektóre czasowniki statyczne mogą występować zarówno w czasie Present Simple, jak i Present Continuous w zależności od tego, co chcemy wyrazić:

What do you think about Peter? – Co myślisz o Piotrze? (generalnie)

I'm thinking about Peter. – Myślę o Piotrze. (w tej chwili)

Czasowniki dynamiczne opisują czynności i mogą występować w czasie Present Simple lub Present Continuous (przyjmując wtedy formę *-ing*):

I often listen to classical music. – Często słucham muzyki klasycznej.

I'm listening to Sting's new song now. – Słucham teraz nowej piosenki Stinga.

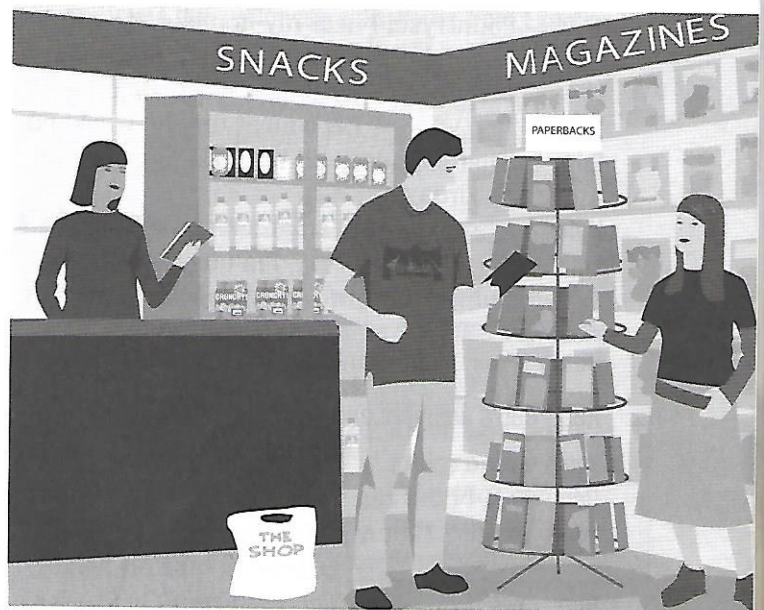
1 Read the short conversations and circle the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 A Can you see / Are you seeing the children?
 B No, but I can hear / I'm hearing them.
They play / *They're playing* in the garden.
- 2 A I look / I'm looking for a CD for my new girlfriend.
 B What sort of music does she like?
 A I think / I'm thinking she likes hip-hop and reggae.
- 3 A Do you know / Are you knowing Tom and his sister?
 B I know / I'm knowing Tom but I don't remember / I'm not remembering his sister.
- 4 A I don't believe / I'm not believing the world's climate is changing.
 B I don't understand / I'm not understanding you! The polar ice caps melt / are melting!
- 5 A Do you like / Are you liking Italian food?
 B No. I'm not liking / I don't like pasta or pizza very much. I prefer / I'm preferring Indian food.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My teacher wants (want) me to work harder.
 2 I _____ (hate) soul music. Can we listen to rock instead?
 3 I can't speak now. I _____ (make) dinner.
 4 This coffee _____ (taste) great.
 5 Look! Julia _____ (run) for the bus!
 6 _____ you _____ (promise) to be home at 10.30?

3 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in the box.



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- Rose What are you looking for?
 Alex I ¹ need something to read on the train.
 Rose What about that detective story? It ² _____ interesting.
 Alex No, I ³ _____ detective stories. I ⁴ _____ science fiction. What about you?
 Rose I don't like science fiction – I ⁵ _____ it! ⁶ _____ you _____ this crime author, Robert B Parker?
 Alex No, I don't. Ask the assistant about him.
 Rose Excuse me. Is Robert B Parker a good writer?
 Assistant Yes, he's brilliant! I ⁷ _____ one of his books at the moment.
 Rose That sounds good!
 Assistant ⁸ _____ you _____ the book?
 Rose Yes, please. And a bottle of water – I ⁹ _____ thirsty.
 Assistant OK, that's £7.50.
 Rose Thank you. Goodbye.
 Assistant ¹⁰ _____ your bag!