



05 Types of verbs

You can use most verbs in the continuous form to describe ongoing actions. Some verbs cannot be used in this way. These are called "state" verbs.

-  **New language** Action and state verbs
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-  **New skill** Using state verbs

5.1 KEY LANGUAGE ACTION AND STATE VERBS

Action verbs usually describe what people or things do. State verbs usually say how things are or how someone feels.

ACTION VERB

I { **read**
am reading } a book.

Action verbs can be used in simple forms and continuous forms.



STATE VERB

I **love** books.

State verbs are not usually used in the continuous form.



5.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES ACTION AND STATE VERBS

Dominic **is eating** ice cream.



I **want** to go on vacation.



Gayle **is lying** on the couch.



She **has** two cats and a dog.



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5.3 FIND EIGHT VERBS IN THE GRID AND WRITE THEM UNDER THE CORRECT HEADING

L O V E B I R A C S A H
T P Q A Y H E N V T Q A
R E M E M B E R D H M T
W A N T L E R E A D T E
L T B C O W D K S V X C
E E D E V T W E E E A I
L E A R N L A O E R G O

ACTION VERBS:

STATE VERBS:

- | | |
|---------|---------------|
| 1 _____ | 1 <u>want</u> |
| 2 _____ | 2 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 3 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 4 _____ |

5.4 ⚠ COMMON MISTAKES STATE VERBS

It is incorrect to use state verbs in the continuous form.



I **want** a new laptop. ✓

You can usually only use state verbs in the simple form.

I **am wanting** a new laptop. ✗

You can't usually use state verbs in the continuous form.



5.5 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

He **is liking** the book.

He likes the book.

3 Thomas **is knowing** your dad.

1 I **am having** a big house by the ocean.

4 Finn **is wanting** a new bike.

2 My sister **is hating** this new TV show.

5 I **am seeing** the cat and dog.



5.6 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN THE SENTENCES



I **want** / ~~am wanting~~ some chocolate.

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He **reads** / **is reading** a book at the moment.

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She **goes** / **is going** to the store now.

5



Jo **remembers** / **'s remembering** my birthday.

2



Fred **doesn't like** / **isn't liking** pizza.

6



Li **plays** / **is playing** tennis at the moment.

3



I always **sing** / **am singing** in the bath.

7



We **don't want** / **are not wanting** to leave.



05 ✓ CHECKLIST

⚙ Action and state verbs ☐

Aa Activities ☐

🧩 Using state verbs ☐