

Verbs that describe actions or events are known as “action” or “dynamic” verbs, whereas those that describe states are known as “state” or “stative” verbs.

 **New language** State verbs in continuous forms

**Aa Vocabulary** Action and state verbs

 **New skill** Describing states

## 2.1 KEY LANGUAGE ACTION AND STATE VERBS

Action verbs can be used in simple and continuous forms.  
State verbs are not usually used in continuous forms.

### ACTION



I **read** every day. ✓

I **am reading** right now. ✓

### STATE



I **own** two cars. ✓

I **am owning** two cars. ✗



## 2.2 KEY LANGUAGE USING STATE VERBS IN CONTINUOUS FORMS

Some verbs can be both action and state verbs. When these verbs are describing an action, they can be used in continuous forms.

### ACTION



I **am thinking** about taking up fencing.

[Right now, I'm considering taking up fencing.]

### STATE



I **think** fencing is a great sport.

[In my opinion, fencing is a great sport.]



The chef **is tasting** his soup.

[The chef is testing the soup's flavor.]



This soup **tastes** disgusting!

[The soup has a disgusting flavor.]

Other state verbs can be used in continuous forms. They keep their stative meaning, but emphasize a change, development, or temporary situation.

### CONTINUOUS FORM



Are you **feeling** better today?

You **seemed** sick yesterday.

### SIMPLE FORM



How do you **feel**  
about Modern art?





## 2.3 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT ARE CORRECT

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| He's wanting to buy a house. <input type="checkbox"/>          | 5 Jess is having a great time at the party. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| He wants to buy a house. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Jess has a great time at the party. <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| 1 She has long, wavy hair. <input type="checkbox"/>            | 6 That milk is smelling dreadful. <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| She's having long, wavy hair. <input type="checkbox"/>         | That milk smells dreadful. <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| 2 Sorry, I'm not believing you. <input type="checkbox"/>       | 7 I'm thinking about going home soon. <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| Sorry, I don't believe you. <input type="checkbox"/>           | I think about going home soon. <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| 3 That jacket fits you very well. <input type="checkbox"/>     | 8 I'm slowly realizing the problem here. <input type="checkbox"/>    |
| That jacket is fitting you very well. <input type="checkbox"/> | I slowly realize the problem here. <input type="checkbox"/>          |
| 4 I rarely think about the past. <input type="checkbox"/>      | 9 You seem unhappy. Can I help? <input type="checkbox"/>             |
| I'm rarely thinking about the past. <input type="checkbox"/>   | You're seeming unhappy. Can I help? <input type="checkbox"/>         |



## 2.4 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

Hi Sara,

I'm writing about Gavin. I think there's something wrong. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ that it's anything serious, but he doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ to be his usual happy self. Maybe he's not \_\_\_\_\_ in well in his new job. I was going to \_\_\_\_\_ that the three of us go out for a drink, or perhaps you would \_\_\_\_\_ a meal. Let me know what you think.

Tina

seem

suggest

think

suggesting

prefer

fitting

## 02 CHECKLIST



State verbs in continuous forms ☐



Action and state verbs ☐



Describing states ☐